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Subject: Docket DG 15-155, Valley Green

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am writing this letter in regard to Valley Green's petition for a natural gas depot and pipeline in Lebanon, NH.

I am strongly opposed to this proposed project. I ask that you please consider my points below, and urge you to deny this petition.

We are at a critical point now with regard to saving our planet from the disaster of global warming. We should be actively planning to reduce fossil fuel use and switch to renewable, sustainable energy sources.

It is therefore very poor planning to start new projects that involve fossil fuels (natural gas), and which would require significant investment in building new facilities and pipelines to deliver the fossil fuels.

Any new financial investment and fuel infrastructure should be directed toward renewable and sustainable sources of energy (solar, wind, hydro power).

I hope that you would use this principle in deciding which projects warrant approval and which don't. I would hope that the PUC would be a leader in promoting projects that are "forward-thinking" (environmentally sound), and not simply business as usual (which is now dangerous to the future of our planet).

It is even more significant that the natural gas that would be trucked in and piped through new pipelines in the Upper Valley of NH, comes from fracked wells in Pennsylvania. The fracturing process is known to be extremely damaging to the environment. I hope that you would not approve a project that uses fossil fuels extracting in an environmentally damaging manner.

I also urge you to consider the economic impact created by environmental damage from natural gas and its inevitable methane leaks.

I believe it is poor financial planning to invest in building a natural gas depot and its associated pipeline(s). We need instead to focus all our efforts toward renewable, sustainable energy sources such as solar, wind and water power. If we get distracted, and invest money and energy in building an infrastructure for a natural gas "bridge" to nowhere, we will find ourselves in a very big irreversible jam in a couple of decades.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joanna Sharf