

Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: DG 18-092

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities - Keene
Division Petition for a License to Construct and Maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline beneath
the Ashuelot River in Keene

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am concerned to hear about the new proposed pipeline beneath the Ashuelot River in Keene and the conflicting reasons for building it. As a concerned citizen I came to the PUC website here:

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-092.html>

to learn more and read all petitions and comments. I understand from reading through the petitions, comments, and referenced articles that the reasoning from Liberty's perspective has changed through time and that this calls into question the basis of its petition.

Therefore, I agree with Mr. Clark's comments and believe that allowing input from the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee is needed as well as public input. This is the best way to determine viability for any new construction that can impact the health and well being of residents. We cannot determine what the future holds. The existence of gas flowing through this additional pipeline means that leaks could develop that could hurt our environment; harmful accidents during construction could impact the surrounding residents and waterways. If our community is taking this risk, it should be with the full knowledge of the community, knowing the reasons for the additional pipeline, the risks, and potential the benefits. Only then can the community make an informed decision that relies on facts and not changing stories from a company that may have interests in developing a new pipeline beyond those stated in the petition.

The question of Liberty Utilities changing its reason for construction makes me feel uncomfortable. I want time allotted to the community to investigate if this new pipeline is needed, and if so, the reason/s provided to the community it will impact. I believe that all alternatives should be explored before building this pipeline. It seems like a large investment considering the city of Keene's dedication to renewable sources and a project that seems out of place with the city's values.

Therefore, I hope that the PUC will allow the residents time to fully study this project, if it is truly needed, or if other possibilities were not fully explored by Liberty Utilities that could provide Keene and Liberty a solution that would not require an additional pipeline.

Sincerely,
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