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Re: Docket DG 14-380

Petition for Approval of Long-Term Firm Transportation Agreement

In a 6/15 letter to the NHPUC on Docket 14-380, BAE Systems endorsed NED and urged the PUC to approve the precedent agreement between Liberty Utilities and Kinder Morgan. (See link)

https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-380/COMMENTS/14-380%202015-06-15%20BAES%20COMMENTS.PDF

Hopefully BAE leadership remembers that being a good NH corporate citizen entails more than providing good jobs, for which NH citizens are very grateful! It also requires embracing our NH values of self-sufficiency, problem solving and preserving natural resources. When BAE Systems acquired Sanders/Lockheed Martin they also acquired a long legacy of good will and community participation through beneficial policies and actions. It would be wonderful to have the BAE Systems corporate administration actively endorse energy solutions that would help ensure that NH remains a great place to live for the people they employ and live among.

It is understandable that BAE is concerned about high energy costs. Everyone is concerned about high energy costs and is looking for viable solutions for the near and long term. Hopefully, BAE has undertaken all available measures for self-help before asking NH residents to sacrifice homes, land, equity, life style and protected, picturesque landscape which NED will significantly and negatively impact.

Liberty Utilities has other much less invasive options for procuring additional gas that BAE says it requires. Hopefully our PUC will take those into consideration in deciding that the fate of the precedent agreement between Liberty and Kinder Morgan. Running "cheap gas" through Southern NH does not guarantee lower prices, but does guarantee a lost incentive toward energy efficiency. It is reasonable, therefore, to request that BAE take all available steps to improve the energy efficiency of their facilities by conducting full energy audits and implementing all recommended remediation projects. Additionally, it is highly significant that if NED is built ALL gas and/or electrical rate payers, depending on how the approval process shakes out, will end up paying for the pipeline construction and maintenance and/or capacity in monthly utility bills.

Chopping a permanent scar through southern NH and irrevocably changing towns, homes and lives is a drastic undertaking, and the negative consequences should NOT be underestimated!

Thank you for considering my comment.

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Fracking is the asbestos of our time!