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Ms. Debra Howland
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RE: DG 14-3 80 Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

The Northeast Direct pipeline in New Hampshire is a horrible concept.

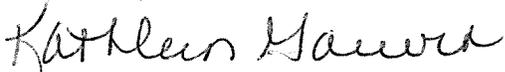
The corporate gains of Kinder Morgan have become a priority!

Companies polluted our waterways one hundred years ago. It has taken numerous years and enormous funding to clean up the messes that were created by that pollution. Now we are embarking into an era when pipeline projects will ravage our country sides and communities in a similar manner. The citizens of the futures will be forced to try to undo the pipeline messes and clean up the toxic damage done by companies that are long gone!

The plan by Spectra Energy to expand the capacity for delivery of natural gas into New Hampshire via the existing Spectra pipelines is an alternative to NED. This plan builds on existing infrastructure. Congratulations to a company that has been sensitive to country sides, communities, waterways, wildlife, and citizens, unlike Kinder Morgan whose priority is corporate gains. Kinder Morgan will ravage the pristine rural areas of southern New Hampshire to make a buck!

How can the testimony of the utility consultant , Melissa Whitten, hired by the PUC, be ignored? Ms. Whitten states that this project is not needed.

Sincerely,


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This letter has been sent to the NH Dept. of Environmental Services and has been filed with FERC.

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Ms. Howland:

I am trying to come to grips with the idea that anyone would think that we need Kinder Morgan's very disruptive project, NED, when there are already other options that could be used to adequately transport the projected needs for natural gas in New Hampshire in the future. Why does Kinder Morgan keep pushing for their new pipeline and compressor stations project? I can only guess that they want a bigger piece of the profits, larger than they already are reaping, but at what cost? The NED pipeline will traverse many small, rural towns and a few small sized cities. The beauty of the area will be disrupted in abundant venues. Residents will be put at risk for breathing in toxics from the "blow offs" from the compressor stations. Many of us have concerns that the pipeline and the compressor stations will pose safety issues in the future. Was this pipeline proposal moved to our 17 town area once Massachusetts politicians and active community resistance groups dug in their heels? They kicked the project out of most of their state. Did Kinder Morgan think that we'd be easy prey?

Portland Gas already has the capacity to use a pipeline that is already in place. Portland Gas can provide any New Hampshire natural gas needs, now or in the future, by constructing a few compressor stations in remote areas, thus leaving our communities untouched. The other option that I refer to is the Spectra pipeline that would be located beside an already constructed pipeline. Both are creative ideas, but ignored by many who are not looking for alternatives, but are Kinder Morgan advocates.

Melissa Whitten, a utility consultant hired by the PUC, testified quite clearly the lack of need for this project. The NH Office of Consumer Advocate likewise recommended against approval.

I implore you to look at these alternatives before you grant a contract to Liberty Utilities.

Sincerely,

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