

To: NHPUC RE: Docket No. DG14-380

From:

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NHPUC,

I am very concerned about the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline and compressor station to be built in New Ipswich. I do not want either in New Ipswich.

The geography of New Ipswich is mostly wooded and residential, not desert, corn fields or industrial landscape. We experienced a minor drought in June of this year, and typically have a dry season in August, where the fire departments cannot issue brush burning permits because of the fire danger. If during dry weather, there were a fire incident along the pipeline or at the compressor station, even during construction, fire would spread through the New Ipswich and surrounding towns. Note the effects of wildfires in California and the northwest. Our local fire fighters are not equipped to subdue a major wildfire. Many homes would be destroyed. These types of accidents do happen.

New Ipswich is a rural town with no major industrial areas. A 41,000 horsepower compressor station running 24-7 with periodic releases of greenhouse gasses and very loud noises does not fit with our Master Plan. The change by Kinder Morgan, downsizing the pipeline and compressor station, make you think that they do not know what they are planning for.

Real estate values of all the surrounding area will be adversely affected. Before selling, the owner must disclose that the property is near (not necessarily adjacent to) a large high pressure pipeline and compressor station that would be a danger, emitting noise, air pollution and light pollution. *All* of our property values will decrease. It will take a lot of Kinder Morgan tax payments to make up for the reduced property assessments, when the town tries to balance its budget. This is no different that if we were living next to a toxic waste dump, major EPA site, fuel storage depot, large quarrying operation, medical waste disposal facility, prison, mountains of used tires, major airport, or a large slaughter house.

Apparently FERC has not taken into consideration the rapid growth of energy conservation, solar and wind-power when calculating energy needs for New England. Fracked gas is not the only energy available option.

Burying a high pressure fracked gas pipeline in granite may not be a good idea due to the potential of earthquakes. Earthquakes do occur, and could damage the pipeline, especially if it is built with the thinnest materials permitted. See:

http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/states/new_hampshire/history.php

We saw that the majority of people in the northern tier of Massachusetts towns (and their state officials) did not want the pipeline. Kinder Morgan apparently assumed that New Hampshire residents would be less organized, less concerned about their environment, or their property, and would put up less resistance, but I think that they are wrong. We love our towns just as much, and want to preserve them for the next generations. The vast majority of residents do not want the pipeline going through New Ipswich.

There is already a pipeline going from west to east in southern Massachusetts. Why cannot another pipeline be added, or that infrastructure 'improved', instead of blazing through a completely new route.

We really feel like the underdogs here. State and Federal agencies are set up to issue permits for big business to make money, not to support what citizens want.

Please do not permit Kinder Morgan to build this pipeline and compressor station in New Ipswich.

Sincerely,

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