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Attention of: **Ms. Debra Howland**  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord New Hampshire 03301

March 16, 2016

RE: DG 15-289 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. dlb/al Liberty Utilities for Approval of a Gas Franchise in Lebanon and Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Ms. Debra Howland,

My sense, as a resident of the Upper Valley and as director of the Donella Meadows Institute, is that one key reason it has been difficult for Liberty Utilities (and Valley Green Natural Gas) to secure anchor customers is that these very institutions are looking into a diverse portfolio of fuels and energy sources that will bring them more closely in alignment with reducing carbon emissions.

And even if the PUC is not structured - at the moment - to take into consideration climate change issues, institutions and communities are planning for beyond fossil fuels and are having an impact in lowering demand for natural gas and other fossil fuels.

In addition, despite the record low prices of gas, renewables are already outcompeting natural gas for electricity generation and ratepayers should be guaranteed fair access to cheaper and cleaner sources of energy instead of being locked into long-term risky deals such as with Liberty Utilities' proposed plan.

I hope that you'll stand with ratepayers and reject Liberty Utilities (and Valley Green's) proposal. As a current customer of Liberty I don't agree to accept the risks that a liquefied natural gas project will have for decades, including the risks associated with volatility of prices.

Sincerely,



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