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Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

RE: Docket No. DG 15-155 Valley Green Natural Gas
Docket No. DG 15-289 Liberty Utilities

Dear Director Howland:

Let me explain why I don't support Liberty Utilities and Valley Green's "motions to stay", which in practice would grant the two companies more time to come up with a joint deal to bring liquefied natural gas to the Upper Valley.

For one, the motions would trump the procedural path that dozens of individuals - from intervenors to OCA representatives to PUC Staff and more- have been involved with. This late in the game, at the very least the two companies should file a new joint docket with new hearings as a way to give all involved parties an honest chance to provide input.

Also, the time that the two companies have spent courting one another and concocting a deal -the details of which have been so far kept secret - the communities of Hanover and Lebanon have launched their own new deal: getting to 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and full renewable portfolios by 2050.

Communities don't passively wait for new fossil fuels deal to be made; they operate in the interest of both customers and climate, and are coming up with alternatives. We have no time to spare, so I urge the PUC to accelerate its decision, especially because more time won't make two weak, unpopular proposals better.

So, please do turn down the motions to stay from both companies and act quickly to reject both Liberty Utilities and Valley Green's proposals for a liquefied natural gas depot.

Sincerely,



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