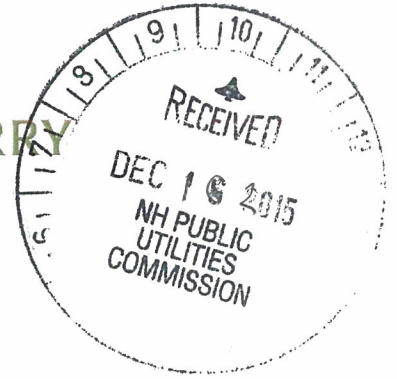


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Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
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December 10, 2015

Dear Chairman Honingberg:

On behalf of the more than 325 member businesses of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, the organization's Board of Directors urges the Public Utilities Commission to approve Liberty Utilities' petition for franchise rights to serve Windham and Pelham with natural gas service.

Liberty Utilities proposes to extend its existing distribution system located in Hudson to provide service to Windham and Pelham. The initial build out of the distribution system would primarily serve residential customers located near Route 111 and Mammoth Road. Liberty intends to expand the system in Windham and link the new distribution system with the existing system in Londonderry, which currently ends on Buttrick Road. This will allow for additional customer growth in Londonderry and Windham and provide service to the municipal buildings and new commercial developments along Route 111.

At present, Windham, which is located in the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce's catchment area, and Pelham are the only two towns located along the Concord Lateral that do not have natural gas service, a situation which has proved a detriment to economic development there.

Providing these communities with natural gas service will not only enable greater economic development, but will also help to lower residential heating bills, which will result in greater consumer spending. These communities have both seen large employers locate in other areas and just over the border in Massachusetts, in part because of the lack of natural gas infrastructure. Today, even with historically low oil prices and constrained natural gas infrastructure into the region, natural gas is still 25 percent less expensive for residential customers.

In short, approving Liberty Utilities' petition to expand natural gas infrastructure to Windham, Pelham, and parts of Londonderry will be a win for business and residential consumers alike.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Regards,

Will Stewart
President

cc: Liberty Utilities

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