

February 20, 2016

Debra Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-7319

Re: DG 15-442
Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition for Approval of a Gas Franchise in Jaffrey, Rindge, Swanzey and Winchester

Dear Ms. Howland:

As a resident of Rindge, one of the towns included in the petition referenced above, I would like to register my opposition to PUC granting of the petition at this time. As a filing it is very premature and without any serious research into the communities it purports to serve. Information presented to the Rindge Selectmen at a November, 2015 meeting of the Selectmen was quickly challenged and the Liberty representatives admitted at that point that they had done no potential customer surveys and that without the proposed N.E.D. pipeline, this project would not be feasible.

Since Liberty has a business interest in the development of the N.E.D. Pipeline through their parent company, Algonquin Power, I am left supposing that this is more about demonstrating "need" for the pipeline than it is a serious effort to supply gas to the local community.

I urge the Commission to deny the petition.

Sincerely,

John D. Schenk
Rindge, NH