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RE: Docket No. DE 16-241 (Eversource Energy Petition For Approval Of Gas Infrastructure Contract With Algonquin)

Dear PUC,

I ask you to oppose DE 16-241 based on two principles Risk and Choice.

The multitude of pipeline projects in New England suggest a good possibility that LNG exporting will occur. With the projected excess capacity, many industry groups such as the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (<http://www.ieca-us.com/>) believe that exporting LNG will lead the higher natural gas prices and that would lead to higher electric rates. Assuming natural gas will generate cheaper electricity for 20 years foolish and it is a risk.

If the companies and energy suppliers that believe purchasing natural gas from these pipelines will allow them to reduce their electric rates, then those companies can incur that risk. The public should *not* be required to incur that risk. If Eversource chooses to buy natural gas from Algonquin, then the cost (and alleged savings) should be folded into their energy rate. It shouldn't manifest as a separate tariff to all their customers.

If all Eversource electric ratepayers are paying a tariff to buy natural gas, how does that jive with the deregulated power suppliers?

More importantly, we *should* have choice. Thanks to the good work of New Hampshire PUC, New Hampshire ratepayers have a choice for electricity suppliers. If people like me who are Eversource customers and choose to use a 100% renewable energy supplier, then I won't benefit from any of this tariff and I shouldn't be required to pay for it.

There may be one positive aspect. Unfair tariffs such as this Eversource proposal will certainly drive more homeowners to doing rooftop solar.

Thank you

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