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To the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and interested parties,

As an electric ratepayer in New Hampshire, I write to object strenuously to any plan that would require New Hampshire ratepayers to pay for pipelines via a tariff on utility bills.

I have been following the proposed Northeast Energy Direct pipeline since it was first proposed for northern Massachusetts. Much to my dismay, a lateral line was soon projected to bisect my town of Hollis, NH. Our town took immediate action to thoroughly study citizen concerns, including aquifer and well damage and contamination, environmental and habitat destruction, private and public property damage, and the many losses related to the taking of land by eminent domain. As information accumulated, our citizens united against this project, growing especially incensed over the possibility of a utility tariff to underwrite the project's financial risks.

The evidence painted a perfectly clear picture: New Hampshire - and the northeast in general - have no "need" of the natural gas NED intends to carry. It's quite plain that with reasonable conservation programs, conventional planning for liquified natural gas deliveries, and increased support for renewable energy sources, New Hampshire, New England, and the northeast U.S. need no new fossil fuels. We would be extensively harmed by NED while gaining little value in return. Worst of all, no one doubts for a moment that NED is largely an export mechanism for inland producers of natural gas - actually, it is fascinating to notice that in every instance of this accusation which I've read, Kinder Morgan, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Algonquin, and the other corporate entities invested in the NED project make no effort to deny that natural gas export is their true objective and highest priority.

With such evidence, it is unconscionable that NED continues to seek funding from ratepayers, in particular New Hampshire ratepayers who would see zero benefit and great harm from the imposition of NED.

I urge NHPUC to block any proposals for NED-related tariffs on New Hampshire ratepayers.

Respectfully,

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