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Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: DG16-770

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
Utilities and Concord Steam Corporation
Joint Petition for Approval of an Asset Purchase Agreement

Dear Director Howland,

I am very concerned about Concord Steam being purchased by Liberty Utilities and converting from biomass to fracked gas. I understand that there is an air quality issue related to the biomass plant, but there are many air quality issues with fracked gas, especially the compressor stations and I know we can do better.

Fracked gas threatens our air, water and health through toxic emissions we cannot see or smell. Many of us have spent the past two years informing our legislators about the threats fracked gas poses to our state in fight of NED . We are still here and we're still opposed to fracked gas anywhere, for any reason.

Solar and wind clean energy alternatives are readily available and I understand that Green City Solar and other solar companies have not been offered the opportunity to upgrade the Concord Steam facility. In a state that's in need of a fresh new look, fresh air and new jobs, why not? This is the time to consider the alternatives.

I live here. I love this state. I care about my health and safety and that of my family. I am concerned about climate change and I know that fracked gas is a combination of toxic chemicals and methane gas, which is an extremely potent greenhouse gas and traps more greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide.

We cannot be a contributing factor to climate change when we have better options available to us.

As the states around us move forward with clean energy, New Hampshire cannot be locked into another 20-50 years of fossil fuel use that will put us at risk.

I ask that you immediately put a **halt on the sale of Concord Steam to Liberty Utilities** and **reconsider this push** for gas pipeline expansion in New Hampshire. We already have several water crisis in the state with contamination, we can add any more risk to our water supply

Sincerely,
Carol DiPirro