

September 15, 2016

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord , New Hampshire 03301-2429

RE: DG 16-770

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 Ms. Howland:

I have understood and consistently supported two major goals of NH energy policy. One is to continue to increase our use of renewable energy sources and the other is to avoid over-reliance on any individual energy source. It appears that both of these are being ignored in this petition. To change from a locally-procured fuel source which produces substantial local employment and which is renewable to fracked gas from halfway across the country is not a wise move and not in the State's best interests.

If my understanding is also correct that the central wood-fired plant could be fitted with appropriate air quality controls at equal or lesser cost than the large-scale construction of individual heating plants for the customers now served, then this makes even less sense.

It appears that this project is being considered under a compressed time frame which gives inadequate time for a thorough consideration in all aspects and I oppose it as it is currently drawn.

Sincerely,

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