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Subject: Liberty Utilities (LU) Docket DG 16-770 Petition to Purchase Concord Steam.

Debra Howland, Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Director Howland,
Regarding docket DG 16-770, the purchase of Concord steam by Liberty Utilities, I ask you to NOT approve it.

Here are the reasons why approving this purchase would not be in the best interest of New Hampshire:

- The buildings currently serviced by Concord Steam would be switching from renewable biomass cogeneration power to fracked gas LNG. This switch does not help us meet the clean power plan goals because overall, the emissions from extracting, transporting and then burning fracked gas LNG add up to **more** pollution and Climate Change than the renewable biomass plant it is replacing.
- The closing of Concord Steam represents an opportunity for Concord, and NH in general, to move towards more renewable energy. Many other US cities are doing so. In fact, Burlington, VT is ALREADY 100% renewable through its use of hydropower, biomass, wind and solar.
Source: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/09/14/vermont-milestone-green-energy-efforts/fsLHJl4eoqv6QoFNewRYBK/story.html>
- Many other US cities are pledging to go 100% renewable. 14 other cities in the US are already 100% renewable (e.g. Aspen, CO, Greensburg, KA,, Grand Rapids, MI) source: <https://weather.com/science/environment/news/clean-energy-cities>
- Over 6 THOUSAND cities in Europe have committed to cutting their carbon emissions by 28% on or before 2020.
Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2015/jul/06/european-cities-clean-energy-governments-eu-climate-targets>
- NH should be one of the states leading the way towards clean power. We are small and we have abundant resources, ranging from biomass, solar and on-shore and off-shore wind.
- Please do not embarrass me in front of my friends and family who live in MA, VT and and NY. Switching from renewable biomass to fracked gas LNG is a step backwards in our Energy strategy.

