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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 generation power to fracked gas LNG. This switch does not help us meet the clean power plan goals. The emissions from extracting, transporting and 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 toward 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/.../fsLHJl4eoqv6QoFNew.../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/scien.../environment/.../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/.../european-cities-clean-energy-...>

*NH should be one of the states leading the way toward clean power. We are small and have abundant resources, including biomass, solar, and both on-shore and off-shore wind.

Switching from renewable biomass to fracked gas LNG is a step backwards in our energy strategy.

Thank you for your consideration,

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