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DG 17-068 Liberty Utilities Keene - Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord New Hampshire 03301

September 21, 2017

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am writing to ask you to please deny Liberty Utilities petition for a Declaratory Ruling on their franchise request for Keene, NH without a public hearing.

As stated in previous comments, the City of Keene has a well-known history of working towards sustainability on all fronts including energy sourcing for municipal, business and residential heating and electricity. As new research and information becomes available, the city continues to update its Master Plan and goals moving forward and is working in a variety of ways to inform it's citizens about resources available for energy audits, weatherization and conversion of systems to renewable energy sources.

Residents of Keene and the surrounding towns of the Monadnock Region strongly support efforts toward protecting our unique environment, as well as that of the state of NH and beyond, as evidenced by the growing membership and support of organizations such as the Harris Center for Conservation Education, The Sustainability Project, the Monadnock Sustainability Network, the League of Conservation Voters, the Citizens Climate Lobby, and the Sierra Club to name a few.

To grant this company's request without a public hearing would deny our region's citizens the very basic right to have a voice in how decisions are made regarding energy sources, public safety, environmental protection and the overall health and well-being of the community.

I respectfully ask that you take into consideration all comments on this docket before making your decision.

Sincerely,

Lucy Daniels Nelson, NH