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Subject: DG 17-068 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities -

Keene Division Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms Howland,

I am writing to ask that the PUC deny the Liberty Utilities request for a Declaratory Ruling on their request for franchise in Keene NH.

Instead, please schedule a full **public** hearing allowing citizens to speak to this important energy issue. With information now available regarding the environmental and public health issues related this new technology and product "fracked gas", we need to review it's use carefully. The byproducts affect us and the the people in the area it comes from.

This is not the same gas product previously considered "clean and natural".

The citizens of Keene area deserve to know more and to be allowed to comment on this proposal. It affects their future. They live there. The longer term economics of investing in fracked gas expansion, facilities and infrastructure is being called into question. We need to diversify sources of energy in this state and include more wind, water and solar renewable energy technologies. Its like an investment portfolio. Wind and solar now are competitive with fossil fuel electricity generation.

This in spite of the fact that government subsidies lean overwhelming toward fossil fuels. If anything we need to subsidize energies generated cleanly and locally. We need to discuss and debate where best to invest limited money and resources when all indications are that renewables have just become better, cheaper way to invest in out energy infrastructure.

Thank you for considering my request for a Full Public Hearing on this issue rather that a Declaratory Ruling. Sincerely,

Carol DiPirro

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