

November 1, 2019

Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10

Concord New Hampshire 03301

RE: DG 17-198 Granite Bridge Pipeline and LNG liquefaction and storage facility

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

DG 17-152 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Ms. Howland,

Thank you for accepting my comments on Liberty's rebuttal to Conservation Law Foundation, Terry Michael Clark, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Liberty Consulting.

As a member of Mothers Out Front, I appeal not only to the Public Utilities Commission, but to Liberty Utilities, the Chambers of Commerce and the labor unions. Please allow me to say the hard part first so we can get it out of the way,

Liberty Utilities' defense of their current plan comes down to claims of "freedom of choice." They want to protect the rights of their customers to choose gas to heat their homes and run their businesses. We have seen these defenses presented by the tobacco lobby and vaping industry.

But there is no real choice involved. Even Liberty Utilities energy efficiency program is anemic compared with those in Massachusetts.

Utility	2018 Natural Gas Annual Savings Target (MMBtus)	2018 Natural Gas Sales (MMBtus)	Ratio of Savings Target to Sales
National Grid (MA)	1,725,114 ⁵	155,603,750 ⁶	1.11%
Eversource (MA)	663,225 ⁷	72,623,600 ⁸	0.91%
Liberty Utilities (NH)	130,072 ⁹	17,868,268 ¹⁰	0.73%
Columbia Gas (MA)	420,827 ¹¹	59,822,202 ¹²	0.70%
Connecticut Natural Gas (CT)	230,641 ¹³	37,995,000	0.61%
Berkshire Gas Company (MA)	53,815 ¹⁴	10,545,000 ¹⁵	0.51%
Southern Connecticut Gas (CT)	175,428 ¹⁶	36,251,000 ¹⁷	0.48%
Unitil (NH)	33,544 ⁸	8,621,418 ¹⁷	0.39%

We, Mothers Out Front, do not want to see the utilities go bankrupt or union workers to be deprived of good paying jobs. We want to work with the utilities to find alternatives to delivering dekatherms of gas by delivering BTUs of heating and cooling from renewable sources, including energy efficiency and Demand Response.

Sincerely,

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