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Via E-mail (Executive.Director@puc.nh.gov and puc@puc.nh.gov)

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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: DG-17-198

**Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition to Approve Firm Supply, Transportation Agreements and the
Granite Bridge Project**

Dear Ms. Howland,

Please file this letter as a public comment letter.

I am writing as a concerned citizen of New Hampshire who values the natural beauty of our state and cares about preserving its clean environment for the healthy economy of our state and for future generations.

If the true cost of fossil fuels to society is considered, then fossil fuels are no longer competitive with green energy solutions. If, and more likely when, carbon pricing is considered, then the proposed Granite Bridge Project will become a stranded asset, costing New Hampshire residents even more money. This will be particularly onerous, because in addition to the economic impact, there will be the impact of lack of trust in our state government and regulatory agencies since the project would have been approved without transparency to the public about the costs the environmental impact and costs they would be assuming.

Scientists are clear about the impending catastrophe of climate change to our planet if we do not take immediate steps to stop burning fossil fuels and begin reducing carbon emissions. Therefore our efforts should be put into renewal energy solutions and not continuing to promote environmentally damaging projects. We all are still too dependent on fossil fuels, but there is positive change happening, and our state should be a leader in this movement for the sake of our citizens, the future of our state economy and lifestyle, and the future of our planet.

No aspect of the Granite Bridge Pipeline is without environmental hazard, from the methane in natural gas to the drilling, pumping, transporting, and storing, which are all subject to dangerous gas leaks.

The Public Utilities Commission is the consumer watch dog and a partner in the state's efforts to preserve our environment for future generations. Please stand by the citizens of New Hampshire and do not allow the Granite Bridge Pipeline.

Sincerely,

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