



July 23, 2019

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

RE: Docket No. DG 17-198 Liberty Utilities/Granite Bridge
Objection to Schedule Delay

Dear Ms. Howland,

On behalf of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, I write this letter in opposition to delaying the hearing schedule in the Liberty-Granite Bridge docket. The schedule was previously agreed upon and should be respected in order to avoid undue delays in the consideration of Granite Bridge.

Energy costs in New Hampshire are among the highest in the country and our communities depend on access to affordable natural gas service. The Chamber is on record in support of this project, and timely consideration of Granite Bridge is the first step toward avoiding a natural gas service moratorium. Preparing for future growth and an adequate energy infrastructure is crucial to the economic health of our state, and delays in the Granite Bridge docket make it more likely that businesses in need of new natural gas service would be unable to access it due to the constraints in the natural gas system.

We respectfully request that the hearing dates of December 4th and 5th, 2019, remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Sink, CCE
President