

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 17-198

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., dba Liberty Utilities

Petition to Approve Firm Supply, Transportation Agreements
and the Granite Bridge Project

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF MARK VALLONE

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”)’s Order of Notice dated February 8, 2018 (“Order”) issued in the above-captioned matter, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and RSAS 541-A:32, I, Mark Vallone, hereby respectfully petition to be allowed to intervene in this proceeding as a party, with all rights as such to the full extent allowed by law, on grounds as follows:

1. I am a New Hampshire citizen residing at 252 Blake Road, Epping, New Hampshire 03042.
2. I am a retired, life-long resident of Epping, former Principal of the Epping Elementary School, current member of the Epping Zoning Board of Adjustment, have spent decades working with generations of Epping citizens as a coach, teacher and community volunteer, and am otherwise very active in, and concerned with, Epping town affairs.
3. I attended and spoke during the public comment of the March 9, 2018 prehearing conference held in this matter, at which I discussed my concerns with the Granite Bridge Project which is the subject of this proceeding, and especially its proposed liquid natural gas (LNG) facility to be located in Epping, which would include a 170 feet high, 200 feet in diameter storage tank capable of holding 2 billion cubic feet of fracked liquid natural gas. As I commented, my concerns include a history of Epping being targeted as a proposed site for risky environmental “projects,” including the Keefe Environment Services chemical waste treatment facility, which was

pitched to Epping as a bonanza in the late 1970s but is now only remembered as the current superfund site. I also expressed concerns with the economics of the project, which had been debated before the Epping Planning Board on March 8, 2018, the night prior to the prehearing conference. The *Union Leader* discusses this meeting in an article in its March 9, 2018 online edition, which is available at <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20180310/NEWS05/180309212/1028/news05>.

4. Unfortunately, the Epping Planning Board meeting was held the day after the March 7, 2018 deadline for filing petitions to intervene that is provided for by the Order, so I am not filing this petition by that deadline. However, when I raised this at the prehearing conference, Chairman Bailey responded that I should file this petition, anyway, and I am submitting it as soon as possible accordingly, given my other obligations and the inclement weather following the prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Commission:

- A. Grant this petition and allow me to intervene in this proceeding as a party, with all rights as such to the full extent allowed by law; or
- B. Schedule a hearing on this matter; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as is just, lawful and otherwise appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

The petitioner,

Dated: March 15, 2018

//s//Mark Vallone
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mark Vallone, hereby certify that I have, on this 15th day of March, 2018, mailed seven copies of this petition to the Commission, with copies e-mailed to the petitioner, Liberty Utilities, and the Consumer Advocate, Donald Kreis. I further certify that I have, on this 15th day of March, 2018, served an electronic copy of this petition on every other person/party identified on the Commission's service list for this docket by delivering it to the e-mail address identified on the Commission's service list for the docket.

//s//Mark Vallone
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