

June 21, 2018

Mayor Kendall Lane & City Councilors  
Keene NH 03431

Dear Local Politicians:

What follows is focused on the absolute necessity to oppose the plan that Liberty Utilities has for horizontal directional drilling under the Ashuelot River here in Keene NH and by doing so it will protect our environment, climate, and the health of all people. It will also express the City of Keene's living up to the Paris Climate Agreement which was purportedly accepted by the City of Keene.

First, Liberty Utilities is a subsidiary of Algonquin Power and Utilities which is owned by Kinder-Morgan. You must know not only the ecological threat regarding fracked gas pipelines but also the role Kinder-Morgan has had in pipeline failures and the awful attack those failures have had on land, water, and air, our basic environment that all life on earth depends on to continue to live.

Second, at Wikipedia read the "List of pipeline accidents in the United States in the 21<sup>st</sup> century". The list covers 440 major accidents. Go to:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_pipeline\\_accidents\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_in\\_the\\_21st\\_century](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_pipeline_accidents_in_the_United_States_in_the_21st_century).

Third, please read the note I gave the Keene City Council on June 21, 2017 (attached) which focuses on the following: (A) "the false demand and the need for an unnecessary pipeline"; (B) the connection of Liberty Utilities with Kinder-Morgan; (C) the horrid accidents had by Kinder-Morgan (36) in Texas; (D) the 180+ accidents had by Kinder-Morgan across the USA; (E) the Kinder-Morgan scamming of customers; (F) Trump's connection with the fossil fuel corporate-industry and his attack on Climate Change based on human behavior; (G) the 440 pipeline accidents from 2000-2017; (H) my suggestion to contact CELDF, the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund.

Fourth, major issues around the pipeline and Kinder-Morgan focus on: (A) a bit more info about Kinder-Morgan and Liberty Utilities; (B) the corrupt connection between FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and the Kinder-Morgan corporation; (C) William Rivers Pitt references Kinder-Morgan as "the ghost of disguised Enron"; (D) read about Richard Kinder and William V. Morgan and their corporate connection to Bush etc.; (E) the "unlawful profits" made by Kinder-Morgan; (F) the unsuccessful attempt to honor our water supply, and to change the direction from fossil fuel use to renewable energy because of corporate greed and political malfunction.....but the goal is still there and we can, still, hopefully choose to do what is environmentally and humanly right and necessary.

Fifth, the movement toward corporate fascism's only goal is getting rich and attacking what must be done if we are to be environmentally sane as well as live in a true democracy.

Sixth, just recently there was a gas pipeline explosion in West Virginia. Read about it at DeSmogBlog titled "TransCanada's New 'Best-in-Class' Gas Pipeline Explodes in West Virginia, Causing Fiery Blast".

Seventh, there suddenly appeared in my g-mail weekly reports from NaturalGasNOW that is filled with attacks against anyone who opposes what has been a disastrous attack on the environment, e.g., regarding sea levels, it states this in its June 17, 2018 Weekly Update: "Sea levels are rising but modestly and attempts to link this to use of natural gas or other fossil fuels or, for that matter, CO2, are just plain wrong." Of course, this denial is anti-scientific and an echo of corporate fascism. To understand this more deeply the Union of Concerned Scientists—Science for a Healthy Planet and Safer World published in its newsletter in 2015 an article titled "The Natural Gas Gamble: A Risky Bet on America's Clean Energy Future." This piece can be easily found on-line by Googling the above.

Ninth, and lastly, please read the following from Dr. David Suzuki's "A Declaration of Interdependence Between Humans and the Natural World".

This We Know:

- (1) We are the earth, through the plants and animals that nourish us.
- (2) We are the rains and the oceans that flow through our veins.
- (3) We are the breath of the forests of the land, and the plants of the sea.
- (4) We are human animals, related to all other life as descendants of the firstborn cell.
- (5) We share with these kin a common history, written in our genes.
- (6) We share a common present, filled with uncertainty.
- (7) And we share a common future, as yet untold.
- (8) We humans are but one of thirty million species weaving the thin layer of life enveloping the world.
- (9) The stability of communities of living things depends upon this diversity.
- (10) Linked in that web, we are interconnected—using, cleansing, sharing and replenishing the fundamental elements of life.
- (11) Our home, planet Earth, is finite; all life shares its resources and the energy from the sun, and therefore has limits to growth.
- (12) For the first time, we have touched those limits.
- (13) When we compromise the air, the water, the soil and the variety of life, we steal from the endless future to serve the fleeting present.

This We Believe:

- (1) Humans have become so numerous and our tools so powerful that we have driven fellow creatures to extinction, dammed the great rivers, torn down ancient forests, poisoned the earth, rain and wind, and ripped holes in the sky.
- (2) Our science has brought pain as well as joy; our comfort is paid for by the suffering of millions.
- (3) We are learning from our mistakes, we are mourning our vanished kin, and we now build a new politics of hope.
- (4) We respect and uphold the absolute need for clean air, water and soil.
- (5) We see that economic activities that benefit the few while shrinking the inheritance of many are wrong.
- (6) And since environmental degradation erodes biological capital forever, full ecological and social cost must enter all equations of development.
- (7) We are one brief generation in the long march of time; the future is not ours to erase.
- (8) So where knowledge is limited, we will remember all those who will walk after us, and err on the side of caution.

This We Resolve:

- (1) All this that we know and believe must now become the foundation of the way we live.
- (2) At this turning point in our relationship with Earth, we work for an evolution: from dominance to partnership; from fragmentation to connection; from insecurity, to interdependence.

Thank you for paying attention to my note here. I hope that it helps to see clearly that Liberty Utilities plan for drilling etc. in the Ashuelot River must not take place.

Respectfully,

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