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Like a lot of other NH residents in the pipeline path I wanted my comments to be added to the mix. The testimony collected previously and the materials presented by NHPLAN go way beyond anything I could hope to add to this, so I will make a couple personal comments that I want on the record.

First and foremost, this is a bad proposal. The numbers are worked backwards from what Kinder Morgan and Algonquin want Liberty (Energy North) to show for obligation to help them meet the minimum numbers that FERC will accept to grant their certificate of "need". There was no other math in use there at all. It's not junk science it's no science. They think that we're in the midst of an election cycle and that we will approve anything. Like any other bad proposal in business, we can reject this and they will do it over until it's correct. You certainly don't have to worry about them giving up and going away.

Second, residents are going to see this as a politically motivated decision if you approve it. Because the numbers are all wrong there is no other way to explain making such a defective decision. It's very clear to anyone that reads all the connected files and comments that there is no other explanation possible.

Third, this would be a poor decision because it favors Kinder Morgan over the rights of landowners and residents. They are seen not as a vital utility but as carpet bag southern idiots about to be given land all over the northeast. If the Kinder Morgan proposals are rejected it's far from being the end of gas in the northeast. They and their counterparts will not give up, they'll just comeback with a palatable proposal at another point in time. The business community in New Hampshire likes everything cheap and easy, but in this case the rights of landowners have to come first. The last thing that you want to do at this point is to support landowners taking matters into their own hands to stop this. If you look at the size of the town groups that have formed and the organizations being built to stop this you have to wonder if you are only seeing the tip of the iceberg.

So before the hearing on Tuesday make a personal decision about where you want to see yourself on this, do you want to be the shrewd, discerning resident and official or another government functionary being flim-flammed by the hucksters.

Thanks for your time
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