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NH Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear NH PUC,

**I am puzzled by your approval of the agreement between Liberty Utilities and Tennessee Gas:**

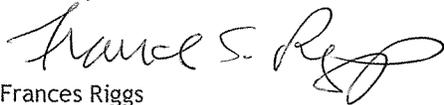
1. Your own staff expert consultant, Melissa Whitten, recommended against approving the Proposed Liberty Agreement because of lack of cost effectiveness and because there would be substantial excess capacity over the life of the contract.
2. The NH (OCA) Office of Consumer Advocates recommended against approval of the petition stating that the analysis was not thorough.
3. The NH (OEP) Office of Energy and Planning's 10 year strategy strongly promotes "Diversity of Supply" as one of the principal components of a sound and stable energy policy. New England is over 50 percent in natural gas use. The proposed Tennessee Pipeline would significantly undermine the diversity of this supply policy.
4. Liberty Utilities' own expert, Francisco C. DaFonte, points out that Kinder Morgan is completely noncommittal about expanding service to the vast unserved areas of New Hampshire for the benefit of our citizens.

We hear from proponents of natural gas that we need to lower energy costs in NH and that we need natural gas to accomplish this:

1. Jerry Elmer of CFL Scoop News June 15, 2015 from the Conservation Law Foundation quotes ISO New England, "additional renewables are expected to decrease wholesale electric prices in New England." "As the penetration of wind and other solar resources grow, the price reducing effects of renewables on electric prices will increase."
2. Mr Elmer continues in quoting ISO New England, "Clean low-cost renewables are going to drive coal, oil, and nuclear out of the market."
3. And finally, Mr Elmer says "The ISO is recognizing - not tacitly either - the increasing importance of renewable energy in New England wholesale electric markets."
4. Natural Resources Defense Council, Clean Air Task Force, and Sierra Club in a joint report state that "The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a model for the nation.....10 states (including NH ) are already using a market-based system to cap carbon pollution while lowering energy bills for businesses and consumers creating jobs."

It would seem that your decision to support the agreement between Liberty Gas and Kinder Morgan is not consistent with the trust that has been placed in you as a commission to oversee the proper and fair regulation of our public utilities. I am genuinely interested in understanding your thinking. Please respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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