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Re: DG 14-380 Liberty Precedent Agreement

I have been following the Liberty precedent proceedings (docket 14-380). While I'm not a Liberty customer, I am a resident of Rindge, NH and abutter to the Eversource ROW. The NED project as currently planned will run through my property. I am concerned about the impact of the subject agreement on my community and its environment.

Liberty and Kinder Morgan have grossly overstated the need for the natural gas the NED pipeline will be carrying through New Hampshire to get it to Dracut, Ma. Truthfully stating the actual amount of gas needed here in New Hampshire would never get them FERC approval of the project.

Spectra Energy's Access Northeast, Algonquin Incremental Market and Atlantic Bridge projects offer much more environmentally and economically responsible ways for bringing natural gas to New England customers and power generating utilities.

The PUC's own expert consultant, Melissa Whitten, recommended against approving the proposed Liberty agreement, stating it was "speculative and would leave the company and rate payers with substantial excess capacity over the life of the contract." Any major investment for New Hampshire rate payers should be sized for what is actually needed and should follow the NH Office of Energy and Planning's 10 year strategy.

The promise of lower gas and electricity prices is a pipe dream. Current contractual commitments account for less than 45% of a proposed 30" pipeline's capacity or 25% of a proposed 36" pipeline's capacity. Moreover only 21% of these commitments serve New Hampshire. Since under Federal law pipeline operators cannot discriminate among customers, the majority of this gas is most likely to be exported to Canada and overseas through new LNG facilities located in Nova Scotia. With the US ultimately becoming an exporter of shale oil and gas, world prices not US prices will govern the market.

I strongly encourage the PUC Commissioners to reject the late filed settlement agreement because of its' clearly overstated need and the fact that the real beneficiaries of this project are the stock holders of Liberty and Kinder Morgan, not the New Hampshire's rate payers.

Thank You,
Jan A. Griska
Rindge, NH.