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With the upcoming decision of the PUC to accept the agreement between Liberty Utilities and Tennessee Gas, I urge a rejection of Docket 14-380 for the following reason:

The speed with which this whole proposal has been moving has left little time to explore possible more cost effective and less disruptive options. The assessments have not been thorough.

As a resident of Rindge, and an abutter, this town will be highly impacted. Could the expansion of existing lines (Spectra and PNGTS) solve the claimed shortfall? Could the LNG plants be more effectively utilized?

The line, whether 30" or 36", has great deal more capacity than Liberty Utilities has agreed to purchase. Liberty presently is proposing a Lateral to go to Keene, to increase customer volume. The ratepayers will be burdened with the cost of this pipeline for the life of the contract.

The suggestion of lower electricity rates is difficult to understand when not one electric generating customer has purchased any of the gas that the NED project will transport.

Kinder Morgan has given the affected communities little voice. The fancy PR sessions and limited time for speakers speaks loudly to their lack of concern. The FERC Scoping Sessions are following a alarmingly similar pattern.

The western portion of the pipeline's path covers very rural areas with perhaps the largest amount of water: rivers, wetlands, vernal ponds and conservation areas. The area is teeming with wildlife. All the communities in this area are served by private wells. The ROW contains significant granite. What will blasting to bury the pipe do to our potable water?

How does a huge natural gas pipeline address NH OEP 10 year strategy for diversity of supply for energy? Conservation and green energy have already reduced need.

Again. I strongly recommend that the PUC reject this proposal; it needs a great deal of further study.

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