

NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street – Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301
C/o Sandy Deno
Re: DG 14-380 Liberty Precedent Agreement

I just want to say that people will remember if you do not oppose the Kinder Morgan Pipeline. I have been following the developments of the Liberty precedent agreement proceedings under Docket 14-380. As my family resides in New Ipswich, and as a customer of National Grid, I am concerned about the impact of this agreement on my family's community and the implications for New Hampshire's energy future.

If you drive through the proposed pipeline route you can clearly see that the large majority of people do not want the pipeline. No person in their right mind would be in favor of such a dangerous and destructive prospect. As citizens we entrust you to represent our interests. Please push for clean energy now. I strongly encourage the PUC Commissioners to reject the late-filed settlement agreement as ill advised based on the following:

- The PUC's staff own expert consultant, Melissa Whitten, recommended against approval of the original proposed Liberty agreement, citing it as "speculative" and not "least cost"; furthermore it would leave the Company (and ratepayers) with substantial excess capacity over the life of the contract.- The NH Office of Consumer Advocate likewise recommended against approval of the petition stating the "the Company's analysis is not thorough."

- The capacity adjustment made for the settlement agreement is minimal and it ignores the defects associated with the original position, including the OCA's assessment of cost allocation to consumers, stating that "it is fundamentally unreasonable to require ratepayers now to unnecessarily bear significantly greater burden compared to ratepayers in the future."

In addition to the significant flaws of both the original and revised proposed agreements, the following considerations should take precedence in any serious evaluation of New Hampshire's energy future:

- Any major investment for our ratepayers should be right-sized for what is actually needed in New England and should follow the NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) 10-year strategy.

- The NH OEP's 10 year strategy strongly promotes "Diversity of Supply" as one of its principal components for a sound and stable energy policy. With New England already above 50% natural gas use, this contract along with the massive NED project would throw us off the charts in regards to diversity.

- A major investment in infrastructure in NH should be cost-effective and not speculative.

- To meet future demand both the PUC consultant and the OCA recommend other options be thoroughly examined against the proposed solution; and that evaluation should include externalities, such as the taking of private property, into consideration.

You are allowing corporate greed to overpower the voices of the citizens in YOUR community. This project will result in health problems, loss of property value, noise and air pollution, and not to mention the horrible and irrevocable environmental degradation in our beautiful rural community.

This time will not be forgotten. If the plans for the pipeline proceed many citizens like myself will remember and we will spread the word that you, and the other members of the NH Public Utilities Commission and NH government representatives are personally to blame.

I urge you to speak up and oppose all aspects of the Kinder Morgan Tennessee Gas Pipeline project.

A concerned citizen,

Meghan Stanley Bernier