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Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**RE: DG14-380
Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Petition for Approval of
Long-Term Firm Transportation Agreement**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please file this in the public comments section of this proceeding. As the parties and attorneys in the proceeding have been given until today to submit their final comments (by way of briefing), I trust that the public will be allowed to submit comments such as this at least through today, as well. This letter supplements my prior comments, and particularly those made in my previously filed July 28, 2015 and August 5, 2015 public comment letters. Of note, this letter concerns new information not available to me at the time of my prior submissions.

I attended yesterday's final day of proceedings in this matter. The Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") may have noticed: I was the citizen in the audience wearing the "PUC: Count the Public Comments" button. This, of course, pertained to my continuing concern, discussed in my July 28, 2015 and August 5, 2015 comment letters, available at the URL <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-380.html>, that the PUC has deemed only public comments relating to the gas agreement under consideration in the proceeding, and its impact on customers of the petitioner (Liberty Utilities), as "relevant" and worthy of consideration in the PUC's decision. See PUC discussion at the URL <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Gas-Steam/Public%20Comments%20on%20PA.pdf>. After attending yesterday's hearing, I am more concerned than ever about this position, and the PUC's corresponding refusal to consider public comments concerning the numerous enormous negative impacts the NED pipeline—the undisputed *source* of gas for the agreement at issue—will have on the State of New Hampshire. Again, this consideration should clearly be a part of the PUC's analysis as to whether approval of the gas agreement is truly in the "public interest," i.e., "best interests of New Hampshire," for all of the reasons thoroughly discussed in my prior comments letters.

Add another reason.

Yesterday, the PUC plainly "opened the door" to consideration of evidence and comments on all of the negative public impacts of the NED pipeline, by the ready acceptance of comments and evidence offered on supposed public "*benefits*" of the pipeline, including the purported energy "flexibility" and lower market-price impacts it will provide. The PUC even

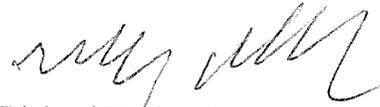
further commented on these matters. One cannot fairly and properly consider the alleged public “benefits” of the pipeline without considering its negatives as well. It is too late to close the door here: it was thrown wide open.

The proceedings in this matter should be started anew, for proper consideration of the negatives of the NED pipeline, and evidence, including testimony of citizens, on the issue. Otherwise, I again urge the New Hampshire Attorney General, copied on this letter, to look into this matter—including the transcript of the August 6, 2015 proceedings—to consider whether he agrees with me. If so, I hope that he pursues the matter on behalf of our citizens.

Additionally, I am including with this submission the remarks of State Executive Councilor David Wheeler, made at the July 30, 2015 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission scoping meeting held at Milford with regard to the NED pipeline, as remarks that should be included as public comments in this proceedings. I am copying Executive Councilor Wheeler on this letter, with the hope that he agrees with me, and affirms the same to you.

Thank you for your time and courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Concerned Citizens

[Executive Councilor David Wheeler] Are you done elected officials??

[FERC Project Manager Eric Tomasi] Yes.

[Executive Councilor David Wheeler] You didn't call my name.

[FERC Project Manager Eric Tomasi] Who are you?

[Executive Councilor David Wheeler] I'm Executive Councilor Dave Wheeler. I spoke to you and signed up to speak on Monday. I sent my assistant up here to speak to you tonight.

[FERC Project Manager Eric Tomasi] I couldn't indicate, I couldn't tell you were an elected official or not. It was hard to tell exactly what your qualifications were.

[Executive Councilor David Wheeler] Right. I called you on Monday to give you the elected official's courtesy that I would be here tonight. I sent my staffer up here to tell you I was here tonight and your comment was, "What's an Executive Councilor?"

[FERC Project Manager Eric Tomasi] Well, I wasn't sure what that was. I mean...

[Audience reaction – booing]

[FERC Project Manager Eric Tomasi] Again, look, I apologize, you can go ahead and go as soon as my court reporter goes ahead and makes sure it's ok. Go ahead.

[Executive Councilor David Wheeler comments start]

We're good to go, tape's all changed? OK. I apologize for stepping away from decorum for a moment but I, you know, I felt I needed to do that. Um, it is very disturbing to me, to digress just for a minute, that you come here from Washington and you don't even know what our form of government is here.

[Audience reaction – clapping]

Just so you know what the Executive Council does, we are the second highest elected state official, uh, in New Hampshire government. We hire the Public Utilities Commissioners or fire the Public Utilities Commissioners. We hire the Site Selection Committee members or fire the Site Selection Committee members. And we have a significant role in the state, in developing the state's energy policy. Also, if you think this

pipeline's going through Rhododendron Park, it ain't gonna get my signature to sell the land, have an easement on the land, or right-of-way.

[Audience reaction – clapping & cheering]

Now I'll go to my prepared remarks.

[Audience reaction – light laughter]

Every town save one affected by this proposed pipeline project is in my district, and I'd like to summarize real quick 'cause I know a lot of other people want to speak. The comments that I've heard through emails and constituent reporting and from the people in this room tonight and other people across the district, I'm asking you, please hear them and listen to what they say when they detail their testimony tonight. Granite Staters are not pipeline push-overs.

[Audience reaction – clapping & cheering]

Every public works project has an environmental impact including this one. Every eminent domain project also has had a substantial New Hampshire benefit. This export pipeline does not benefit Granite Staters.

[Audience reaction – clapping]

Especially those who live in export pipeline affected towns. Now this project will steal over 1500 acres of land from New Hampshire homeowners. They will be required to give up their land, their forest, their crops, their privacy, their property values, clean pristine water, and the list goes on and on and on

[Audience reaction – clapping]

Air quality and water quality will be affected far beyond the 1500 acres of this proposed taking. 10, 20-fold or more will be affected. Part of my duties as an Executive Councilor is to appoint and serve on highway layout commissions. If this 71-mile-taking was for a highway, it would never pass environmental protection muster.

[Audience reaction – clapping]

You know, in fact the proposed circumferential highway project that would be in Hudson and Litchfield was turned down. We were told by the EPA and the federal highway administration, "Don't even bother applying for the permits. You're not gonna get 'em. You're not disturbing that much land. You're not taking that much from the people. Just forget it." But now comes a 71-mile comparable project and that wants to sail right through.

[Audience reaction – clapping]

Also, in New Hampshire a highway would never, and I mean never, be built with the kind of citizen opposition that was in Nashua last night and that's here tonight.

[Audience reaction – clapping]

So that begs the real question here: Will you listen to these people or will you recommend that this project be forced upon us? The only responsible environmental finding or recommendation for this project should be: NO BUILD. Thank you.

[Audience reaction – clapping & cheering, standing ovation]