

13 APR '17 PM 4:30



CITY OF CONCORD

New Hampshire's Main Street™
City Solicitor's Office

James W. Kennedy
City Solicitor

Danielle L. Pacik
Deputy City Solicitor

April 13, 2017

HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

RE: *Joint Petition of Concord Steam's Non-Governmental Customers*, Docket DG 16-827

Dear Ms. Howland,

Please accept this joint letter from the City of Concord and Senator Dan Feltes.

In Order No. 25,966, regarding the discontinuance of the Concord Steam Plant, this Commission expressly stated that it is obliged to consider "whether customers can be conveniently converted to an alternate fuel source." Order No. 25,966 at 13 (citing *Claremont Gas Corporation*, Order No. 21,309 (August 5, 1994), 79 NH PUC 426, 430-431 (1994)). While the Commission stated that it was "confident that conversion to alternative fuel sources before the 2017-2018 heating season is feasible for Concord Steam customers," *id.* at 14, it also recognized that more protection may be necessary for "supporting Concord institutions' and business' conversion costs." *Id.* at 17.

The Commission has decided to close down Concord Steam, which has served the Concord community since 1938. Now, it must decide what role it should play in overseeing the discontinuance of the public utility it ordered closed. This should include a consideration of: (1) customer protection; (2) fulfilling the Commission's mission and (3) the public interest.

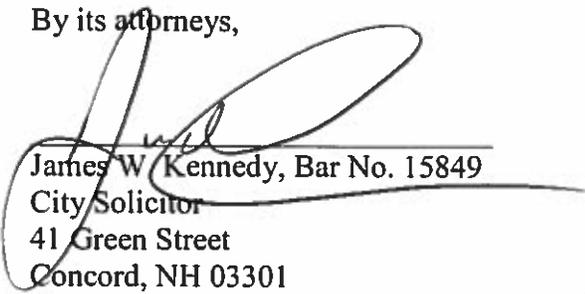
In reaching its final decision, we respectfully request the Commission review all of the evidence and filings in this docket, as it is important that everyone's voice and everyone's expertise be considered. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

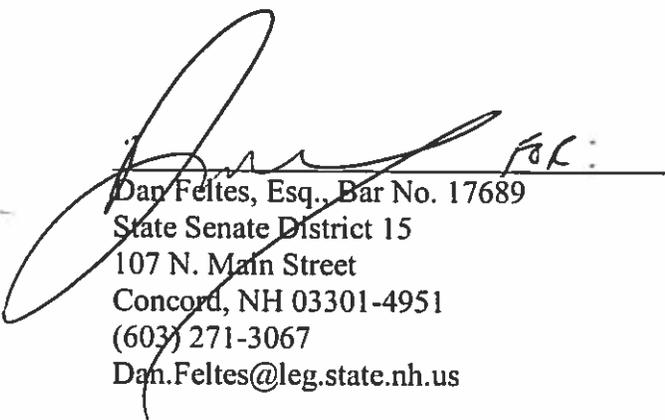
CITY OF CONCORD

Senator Dan Feltes

By its attorneys,



James W. Kennedy, Bar No. 15849
City Solicitor
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 225-8505
jkennedy@concordnh.gov



Dan Feltes, Esq., Bar No. 17689
State Senate District 15
107 N. Main Street
Concord, NH 03301-4951
(603) 271-3067
Dan.Feltes@leg.state.nh.us