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**To:** PUC:

**Subject:** Please deny DG 17-198

**Re: DG 17-198**

**Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities**

**Petition to Approve Firm Supply, Transportation Agreements and the Granite Bridge Project**

Dear Ms. Howland,

Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are already far higher than the maximum sustainable level of 350 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> (see attached) and rising rapidly (see: <https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/>). Bringing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> back down below 350 ppm will require [removal and sequestration](#) of several hundred billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

If we care at all about our children and other living things, we must transition rapidly to a clean-energy economy. In addition, we must remove and sequester billions of tons of excess CO<sub>2</sub> that are already in the atmosphere. Under these circumstances, any expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure should only be permitted if the applicant is required to remove and sequester a greater amount of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere than the applicant's project would generate. Anything less would be [grossly unfair to future generations](#).

In addition, continuing to allow fossil fuel companies to use the atmosphere as a dumping ground for their waste products for free gives them an unfair competitive advantage over clean energy companies that do not pollute the atmosphere. Requiring fossil fuel companies to pay the cost of removing at least as much CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere as they generate would level the playing field for all energy providers.

In the absence of any commitment to remove and sequester CO<sub>2</sub>, please deny Liberty Utilities' petition.

Sincerely yours,

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## CO<sub>2</sub> levels: 800,000 years ago to present

