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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Mr. Scott,

I am writing you regarding the PUC hearing on July 22, 2015 with Liberty Gas regarding the NED pipeline. I am not an abutter nor an NIMBY. I am a concerned citizen asking that you have an open mind on July 22.

Please listen to comments from your PUC staffers regarding the necessity and practicality of this huge infrastructure. Melissa Whitten and Susan Chamberlin each have voiced that concern. Pradip Chattopadhyay stated it was not in the interest of the Liberty Gas customers in NH. If it is not good for the Liberty customers, then who is it good for?

This pipeline will transport much more product than New Hampshire needs. What is the shortfall between what NH needs for gas and what we currently have? Is a thirty six inch gas pipeline necessary to bridge that gap?

Below are comments from two of the PUC staffers and a Consumer Advocate, quoted in the Union Leader on June 3th in an article written by David Solomon.

Melissa Whitten, a utility consultant hired by the PUC staff, testified in May that the deal would leave Liberty with "substantial excess capacity that it would not completely absorb or grow into over the life of the contract."

Pradip K. Chattopadhyay, assistant consumer advocate, testified that the deal is not in the interests of Liberty customers and should not be approved.

"The benchmarks are a step in the right direction, but we think more needs to be done," said Consumer Advocate Susan Chamberlin. "In essence, this is a Mercedes when a Honda would be fine."

Where will all this gas go? Are you willing to allow New Hampshire to become a highway for the product to be taken to other states/countries? Please allow yourself and your colleagues the opportunity to examine other viable solutions-for example the Spectra pipeline, expansion of the existing Concord lateral, repair of older gas pipelines and/or renewables. These options would have far less impact on our wetlands/conservation areas and disrupt many fewer lives in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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