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RE: Comments re Docket DG14-380 – Liberty's Agreement with Tennessee Gas Pipeline for Firm Transportation

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am requesting that the PUC Commissioners NOT approve this Precedent Agreement. It does not fairly balance the interests of Liberty's shareholders with those of NH consumers, but overwhelmingly favors the shareholders.

Liberty says that it currently provides natural gas service to approximately 86,000 customers in southern, central and Berlin, New Hampshire – and air propane service to about 1200 customers in Keene. But the capacity which Liberty is requesting far exceeds its existing demand, or its imagined growth projections in natural gas customers decades from now. Although Liberty states that there is a need for more gas supply resources as soon as next year, and a significant resource deficiency by the end of a 24-year planning period, there are no hard facts or figures to support that. And – should this contract be approved, Liberty will be allowed to recover the capacity costs per this agreement from customers.

Additionally, Liberty and its parent is a subsidiary of a Canadian corporation, which is Kinder Morgan's partner in the prospective TGP/NED natural gas pipeline project. This may violate NH RSA 356, an antitrust law, which was put into place to protect NH consumers from a monopoly of power in the marketplace.

Finally, although the NH Public Utilities Commission has no power to approve the prospective TGP NED natural gas pipeline, approval of this Precedent Agreement opens the door to FERC approval of that project. Building of that pipeline will result in permanent, irrevocable devastation to the landscape, environment and lifestyles of thousands of NH residents – while only a fraction of the conveyed gas will remain in the state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Geary