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Ms. Debra Howland  
Exec Director, NH PUC  
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Dear Ms. Debra Howland,

Under RSA 366:1, II, the New Hampshire PUC is tasked with regulating important public utilities. In the case of DG 15-155 (Valley Green Natural Gas, LLC), the PUC cannot ensure high quality service would be delivered by Valley Green Natural Gas, LLC. Nor can it ensure utility rates that are just and reasonable for both the customer and the utility.

Valley Green Natural Gas, LLC is simply seeking to capitalize on recent trends without serious long-term consideration to its operations, both locally and regionally. Rate payers are going to be on the hook if this venture fails. Renewable energy products are now cheaper than many fossil fuel options like natural gas. This trend is likely to continue as market forces flex their influence on the energy sector. This is clearly evident in the bankruptcy of Peabody Energy, one of the largest coal companies in the world.

Approving the request of Valley Green Natural Gas, LLC is akin to installing telegraph lines in the year 2016. It's outdated. Sure it might work, but it is not the best option for energy distribution. The evidence that this facility is not worth the effort is clear and apparent. In November the Massachusetts Attorney General released a report saying that more natural gas infrastructure is not needed- rather efforts should be made on reducing demand (increasing energy efficiency) to control peak energy requirements. It should also be noted that pipeline company Kinder Morgan recently tabled the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline.

Natural gas is not in the interest of the public good, period. Don't be fooled by false promises and reduced energy prices. I challenge the PUC to evaluate the situation in a broader context and not subject consumers to speculative energy markets or false promises.

Sincerely,  
Michael Mezzacapo