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**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** PUC - Executive.Director  
**Subject:** Dockets DG 15-155 and DG 15-289

Dear Director Howland:

I ask the Commission to deny the petitions for gas franchises in Dockets DG 15-155 and DG 15-289. PUC staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate have both recommended against granting either Liberty Utilities or Valley Green Natural Gas a franchise, citing the lack of customer commitments and the lack of viable business plans.

Communities don't passively wait for new fossil fuel deals to be made; they operate in the interest of both customers and climate, and are coming up with alternatives. One such alternative is an initiative launched by the communities of Hanover and Lebanon to get to 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and full renewable portfolios by 2050. We have no time to spare, so I urge the PUC to accelerate its decision, especially because more time won't make two weak, unpopular proposals better.

Please act quickly to reject both Liberty Utilities and Valley Green's proposals for a gas franchise. Thank you.

In addition to the above, we are the owners of 57 units of housing in Hanover, part owner of 2 manufacturing plants in Lebanon and a substantial interest in a 36,000 Sq Ft. Warehouse in Hanover. We currently use natural gas but are preparing for potential conversion to solar in most of these facilities and living units.

Our family live in areas of fractured gas in western Penna, and have serious water problems from the fracking.

This issue must come to the town of Lebanon's vote of whether to let Liberty build its facility on Rt 12A. We strongly oppose the development and support other alternatives.

Sincerely,

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