

RE: DG 14 – 380 Liberty Precedent Agreement

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am a resident of Pelham, NH, and a Liberty Utilities electricity customer. I am writing because I am an individual concerned about the negative consequences that this agreement between Kinder Morgan and Liberty Utilities will have on the future of New Hampshire's energy story.

Key components of this story are written in our 10 year energy strategy stewarded by our NH Office of Energy and Planning. A vital point of this plan is that NH needs a diversified supply of energy. Currently New England receives over 50% of its energy supply from natural gas. Adding the Kinder Morgan Northeast Energy Direct project which, even with it's current revision to reduce its pipe size, would still put us in a position of having natural gas as a major player, greatly slants and diminishes the possibility and impetus for resource allocation towards diversification.

Further, I am concerned about the soundness of this proposal. Both opinions of your expert consultant (Melissa Whitten) and the NH Office of Consumer Advocacy (OCA), who do not recommend this approval, should not be ignored. Claims that this project will reduce rate-payers costs are best guesses. Further there is great probability that this will not be the most cost effective way to reduce the bills of homeowners and businesses. When asked at public meetings, Kinder Morgan has not been able to give clear answers about how costs to rate-payers will actually be reduced. It appears that that lack of clarity is true even in this proposal here as suggested by the OCA findings, that “ ... the Company's analysis is not thorough.”

I therefore ask that the NH Public Utilities Commission deny this proposal. Instead, I ask you to please help us, your NH and NE consumers, by looking carefully at the array of (at least 17) energy proposals that are being suggested for New England today, while also considering the social, environmental and cultural costs associated with them, such as eminent domain and the incremental impacts of energy development.

Thank you for your consideration of this. I know that you and the Commission are all busy, so your attention to this is all the more appreciated.

Regards,

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