

July 17, 2015

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DG 14-380

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am writing on behalf of the New Hampshire Building and Construction Trades Council to register our support for the Precedent Agreement (PA) between Liberty Utilities and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company.

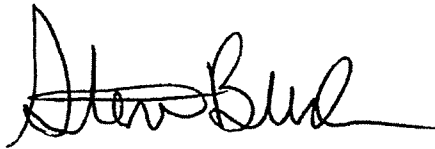
After reviewing the testimony filed by Mr. Chico DaFonte, on behalf of Liberty Utilities, it appears that the Company will have a resource shortfall to serve its customers in New Hampshire as early as the winter of 2016 / 2017. If the Company is unable to procure additional capacity for its customers because the Public Utilities Commission rejects the PA, then it is possible that the Company would have to issue a moratorium on new services in New Hampshire. As you know, Berkshire Gas, Columbia Gas and National Grid have all announced that they will not allow any new gas services in parts of Massachusetts. These moratoriums are having a disastrous effect on the economy in those areas.

A similar growth moratorium announced by New Hampshire's largest gas utility would devastate the state's economy. The economies of Nashua, Manchester and Concord would come to a standstill, which would lead to layoffs and business closures.

It is important to note that every party that intervened in Docket DG 14-380, including the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Pipeline Awareness Network for the Northeast, filed testimony indicating that Liberty needs to procure additional capacity. While these parties may disagree with the amount of capacity required, it appears, based on Mr. DaFonte's testimony, that the Company reviewed several alternatives and determined that contracting for capacity from the Northeast Energy Direct project is "the most reliable and least cost means of satisfying its firm customer demand."

I urge you to approve Liberty Utilities' PA with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, which will provide New Hampshire with the resources needed to continue to grow our economy and add jobs. Rejecting this PA would risk the future of New Hampshire's economy and its skilled workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Burk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line crossing through the middle of the name.

Steve Burk

President

NH Building and Construction Trades Council