



DG 14-380

The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street – Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DG 14-380 Liberty Precedent Agreement

Dear Chairman Honigberg and Ms. Howland:

I represent the communities of Atkinson, Pelham, Plaistow and Salem. As you know, both Pelham and Salem are impacted by the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) high-pressure gas pipeline project currently under consideration. Based on the outreach from the above-referenced communities, I urge the PUC and the Site Evaluation Committee to incorporate the following factors in rendering decisions regarding this matter:

1. When weighing the demands for natural gas for the State of New Hampshire, is supply enhanced with NED, when factored in with the less disruptive expansion of the pipeline proposals by Spectra and Portland Natural Gas?
2. Given concerns expressed from constituents regarding the dramatic impact to protected conservation land, watersheds, and aquifers, would the benefits of this expansion outweigh the costs?
3. Does the proposal meet the standards established by the Site Evaluation Committee for high pressure gas pipelines as required by the recently passed HB 572, relative to the siting of high pressure gas pipelines?

Thank you for time and attention to this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Morse
President of the New Hampshire Senate
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