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Dear Director Howland:

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

Communities operate in the interest of their areas, the residents, their customers and the climate in general. These proposals do nothing to help any of these interests, and only lock the area in to these utilities. Because more time will not make these two weak, unpopular proposals any better, I urge the PUC to accelerate its decision and reject both Liberty Utilities and Valley Green's proposals for a gas franchise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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