

March 14, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

I am opposed to the development of a liquid natural gas depot/facility in the area in or around Lebanon, New Hampshire.

My reasons are several and simple.

1. The natural gas which would be transported to Lebanon would be from the Marcellus shale site in Pennsylvania. The natural gas from this site is derived from fracking which is less stable than other types of natural gas. To get to the Lebanon area, it would essentially be transported either by trains or trucks.
 - a. Neither of these methods of transportation are safe. Trains which transport this type of gas are not equipped to handle such fragile gas. There have been documented fatal crashes transporting this gas.
 - b. Natural gas is essentially more volatile than other energy sources.
 - i. The recent explosion in Seattle was due to a natural gas leak and it destroyed nearly an entire city block.
2. We should be moving toward renewable energy sources for the future. Establishing a liquid natural gas facility would encourage investment in resources that would be better spent in focusing on renewable energy sources.

Here in the upper valley of the Connecticut River we are seeking ways to keep our environment clean and warm our homes in ways that do not destroy the environment either in Pennsylvania or here.

Respectfully submitted,

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