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Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 3:19 PM
To: PUC - Executive.Director
Subject: Liberty Utilities natural gas pipeline proposal

Dear Ms. Howland,

I'm writing to tell you that as a resident of Hanover, New Hampshire, I am strongly opposed to Liberty Utilities' proposal (docket DG 16-852) to establish a natural gas distribution center in West Lebanon and pipeline to Lebanon and Hanover. I see this as a financial and environmental disaster waiting to happen. We already know that the major employers in Lebanon and Hanover—Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth College, and the Town of Hanover—do not intend to use natural gas. I foresee Liberty Utilities running up a huge debt to construct the facility, failing to get a substantial number of subscribers, and then trying to pressure rate-payers and their few subscribers to bail them out. They are also promising to provide a product which is methane-based and therefore extremely hazardous to the atmosphere due to leaks in extraction and distribution, a product that may be relatively cheap today, but will be shunned as time goes on and safer renewable energy sources become more available and popular. The State of New Hampshire and the people of Lebanon and Hanover will be saddled with an expensive white elephant.

Sincerely yours,
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