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Deborah Howland, Director
Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire
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Dear Director Howland,

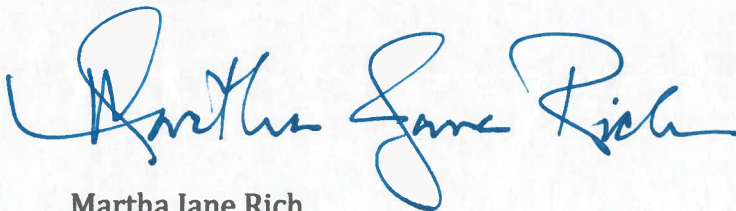
I write to oppose the fracked-gas pipeline that Liberty Utilities proposes for the Lebanon/Hanover area: DG 16-852.

As a resident of a neighboring town and a steward of water quality for Mascoma Lake, which spans Enfield and Lebanon, I feel a strong commitment to supporting the environmental health of our area. I see no need for more dangerous natural gas to move into our region. (We use propane, wood, and solar in our home.) We should be working toward a greater array of clean, renewable solutions for the Upper Valley, not investing in further degradation from fossil fuel.

As a frequent user of the shopping areas in West Lebanon, I also object to the increased traffic that trucking natural gas would cause. A major construction project to ease congestion on Route 12A was recently completed, with considerable inconvenience during the project but worthwhile results. We do not need to entangle these roadways in more heavy traffic.

I urge you and the Commission to deny permission for the pipeline proposal. Please keep our state moving in a positive direction toward a clean-energy future.

Sincerely,



Martha Jane Rich