

Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: DG 17-068 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities -
Keene Division Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms Howland,

I respectfully ask that the Public Utilities Commission deny Liberty Utilities a Declaratory Ruling on their franchise request for Keene, NH. Denying our community a full hearing with the opportunity to express our concerns about a Liberty Utilities franchise could be catastrophic to the healthy future of our citizens and the economy of the Monadnock region.

The casual language on Docket #DG 17-068 is unfortunate, assuming that an 1860 definition of gas includes fracked gas. The natural gas of yesterday is not the poisonous fracked gas of today. We can not with good conscience contribute to the demand for unnatural, poisonous fracked gas. We know that the demand for fracked gas drives harmful fossil fuel development in other communities, resulting in compromised water quality and inevitable pipeline leaks.

Please make a responsible decision for the people and economy of New Hampshire and require a public hearing.

Many Keene citizens do not want to support continued fossil fuel development and wish to be a leading state in 100% clean energy commitments. Hanover NH is the first New Hampshire town to commit to 100% clean energy goals. Hanover's clean energy goals are 100% electricity by 2030 and 100% heat and transportation by 2050. Both Concord NH and Keene NH are actively making great progress in achieving similar commitments in their communities.

Please don't let this happen in our community. We don't want poisonous fracked gas here.

Sincerely,

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