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RE: DG 17-068
Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities - Keene Division

Please accept my comments on the rehearing of DG 17-068.

As a longtime Keene resident, I am proud and supportive of the effort Keene has made to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. This effort continues as our municipality expands its use of renewable energy options. Following this lead, a growing number of businesses, organizations and residents are now choosing clean, renewable energy to meet their electric and heating/cooling needs. I believe our city will continue to lead in further reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting a sustainable clean energy future.

With this in mind, I find the Liberty Utility proposal to be contrary to the goals of our city. Specifically, it is not in the best interest of the citizens of Keene for these reasons:

- * the current request by Liberty is for a different kind of gas (fracked gas) than the gas (propane air) in the original 1860 franchise grant.
- * the current request for CNG and LNG decompressed to an appropriate pressure for distribution is different from the current distribution of propane mixed with air and therefore may not be suitable and/or safe for the current piping system.
- * since there have been 3 significant malfunctions in the current Liberty piping system in LESS than 2 1/2 years, there is a major question of the safety and integrity of this old piping system (solely cast iron distribution lines) with no replacement program in place.
- * because of its particular geography Keene is prone to temperature inversions and air quality issues therefore the health consequences from releases from fracked gas distribution compared to propane air releases would be of particular concern relative to our air quality.

I believe the citizens of Keene need assurance that this franchise request is in the public interest. Citizens need answers:

- * is the proposed conversion from propane air to fracked gas requiring higher pressure for distribution a change in the nature of the service and distribution which would mean a change in the franchise agreement?
- * how can citizens feel confident with the health and safety implications of the new proposal in terms of emissions, air quality, distribution and piping? and who will monitor all of this?
- * how will the current aged, worn and leak-prone piping system accommodate the proposed distribution of fracked gas using higher pressure?

* if this proposed plan requires a pipeline replacement system plan for safe operation, how will this be accomplished for work under streets and sidewalks with Keene's "Dig Once policy" and who will incur the cost for this work?

* why has there been no public hearing for citizens to have these questions addressed so that it can be determined if this franchise agreement is truly in the best interest of the public - the people of Keene?

Thank you for accepting my comments.

Sincerely,

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