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Dear Ms, Howland

Thank you for taking my comments or the rehearing of DG 17-068.

I am a resident of Keene , N.H. and a customer of Liberty Utilities. I have strong concerns about Liberty Utilities moving ahead with it's planned Keene expansion.

Keene has miles of old pipelines which have leaked over the years and have caused problems for Liberty Utilities customers and beyond. I know of leaks most recently in 2016 and 2017 and I am very concerned that if they update the system with fracked gas that these old pipes could suffer more leaks and we would see more exposure to whatever is in the fracked gas.

I am also concerned about the pipes themselves and wonder how Liberty Utilities will deal with them. If they were to replace them who would pay for digging them up? Would it be the taxpayers or customers or would Liberty Utilities foot the bill? Keene has a "Dig Once" policy . What would that mean for Liberty's plan. No one seems to be talking about any of this with the public.

I am very impressed with the Keene City Officials and Planers for their forward thinking, especially as they look to the future with the need to transition and implement more clean/renewable energy solutions. It seems that Liberty Utilities expansion project is not in line with the plan for Keene's future.

Please consider these concerns and give the residents of Keene a chance to voice them at a public hearing. It should be a part of the plan for such an extensive project to keep the public informed and updated and to give honest answers to questions so that people gain trust in the process and feel as if their concerns were heard and dealt with. The project could have serious environmental and health impacts which could be avoided if we had a chance to speak.

Thank you for the opportunity to have a voice in this process.

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