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Public Utilities Commission,

To the Public Utilities Commission,

The facts are waste from fracked methane use, including production and infrastructure, are hazards of such an unrecognized cost as to make grim winter temperatures precede grim rising fossil fuels costs as both unsustainable commodities and unwanted climate destroyers. Transition from fossil fuels could be accomplished by conservation measures at production and distribution levels that would cover the few benefits to be gained from licensing additional wasteful fracked methane capacity that will soon become stranded assets that will burden ratepayers with costs to sustain, then shutdown further unwise fossil fuels investments . Weaning ourselves off dangerous fossil fuels requires focused rule-making, licensing and accelerating investment in renewable energy and its infrastructure.

Please accept this comment on Liberty's request for additional gas capacity contracts for NH customers via DG 21-008.

I am concerned with Liberty Utilities' continued focus on expanding fracked methane gas usage in New Hampshire, particularly when we are feeling the effects of climate change more every year. New Hampshire lags behind in renewable energy use and energy efficiency in particular, and Liberty's money would be better spent making a difference on those fronts. Ratepayers are going to be paying more for energy this winter, and bringing in more fracked methane gas is not a solution that will decrease our energy bills in the long run.

Please consider rejecting Liberty Utilities request so that we may focus on better energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in our state.

Thank you.

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