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Greetings from Keene State College:

Please accept this letter in support of the Liberty Utilities acquisition of NHGas Company in Keene. As one of the largest fuel customers in the region, Keene State College's energy budget is a significant part of our yearly costs, and that expenditure continues to rise amidst volatile energy markets and demanding winters, combined with the costs of delivering fuel to this corner of the state.

Keene State College welcomes the acquisition of NHGas by Liberty Utilities in its agreement with Iberdrola USA that is before the Public Utilities Commission. KSC is eager to support the diversification of fuel options available in this community, for current and prospective customers throughout this region. The sale and service transition to Liberty Utilities will broaden Keene's fuel portfolio to include cleaner-burning fuel to more end-users. In addition, the College, like other NHGas customers and potential customers, is eager to move from the current propane-air mix available in the NHGas service territory to natural gas, which is far more applicable and serviceable in heating appliances and technologies.

And finally, Keene State College looks forward to participation in fuel-based efficiency programs that other regulated energy companies offer in New Hampshire. Currently, the College's options for energy efficiency incentives are limited to commercial electric programs, which only capture a fraction of our energy savings efforts. With Liberty Utilities, Keene State can take advantage of gas-saving incentives to help this campus capture greater savings with heat-savings upgrades.

We would like to include this letter in the acquisition docket for Liberty Utilities.

Thank you for consideration.

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