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Ms. Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: DG 14-3 80 Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas) Corp.

Ms. Howland,

I have another more point I would ask be taken into consideration in your hearing on the viability of Liberty's application. It should be noted that New Hampshire is a net exporter of electricity. The professed need for extra natural gas to increase the production of electricity pales into insignificance when put alongside the suffering the imposition of this pipeline on the residents of 17 towns in southern NH. People stand to lose land and homes to the greed of huge corporations when no need has ever been proved. The evasions and sidesteps of the companies involved in the push to get this system approved should be a strong warning that the declared justification for this pipeline and the application before you now are not based on true need but on profits at the cost of NH ratepayers.

I would strongly urge that when considering this application that close attention is given to the accuracy of the statements used by the applicants in justification of their claim.

Respectfully,

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We are told the gas is for New Hampshire. Tennessee states that they have 0.5 Bcf/day in contracts, but the pipeline capacity is 2.2 Bcf/day, leaving 1.7 Bcf/day extra. So where is all that extra going? They do NOT deny that they will take export contracts and new export terminals are coming online in Canada. Yet Tennessee continues to deny the gas is intended for export.

In fact, the only substantial contract in New Hampshire would be with Liberty, a Kinder Morgan subsidiary and that contract is what is under scrutiny here. So is it right for Kinder Morgan to use eminent domain to take New Hampshire residents' land away (when most New Hampshire residents do not use gas) just so one company can sell that gas to foreign countries?

We are told that the pipe will lower domestic gas prices. However, the European market pays 2-4 times as much as US customers, and the Asian market pays 3-5 times as much. Surely this would mean that those destinations would receive priority for delivery. Thus NH gains no new supply of gas — it would go to preferred oversea customers first. The only way NH would be able to compete for the gas would be to match the price that could be achieved in the rest of the world.

Thank you for your informed consideration in this matter

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Ms. Howland,

I am writing to you to express my concern at the very idea that the PUC would seem to be in any quandary over the question as to whether the application by Liberty should get any serious consideration. Liberty's application is so poorly presented as to be an insult to the PUC in that they should think that such a shoddy approach would entitle them to any serious consideration.

The proposed NED project does nothing to serve New Hampshire. With two other options already on the table it seems unwise in the extreme to give any credence to the Tennessee Gas proposal. Portland Gas already has a pipeline in the ground that could adequately serve any projected future needs for natural gas in the state. This pipeline would only need the addition of one or two compressor stations (in remote, sparsely populated areas) to suit it for this solution. The other option – the large pipeline offered by Spectra - would again nullify the need for the NED pipeline and has the advantage of being located alongside an existing pipeline, thus greatly reducing the impact on the environment and residents.

Melissa Whitten, the utility consultant, engaged by the PUC, strongly states the lack of need for this project. How can an organization hire expert advisors and then completely override their recommendations is an anathema to me.

The NH Office of Consumer Advocate has also considered this matter and recommended against it.

I strongly urge you not to approve this contract!

Respectfully

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