

VIA E-MAIL

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

September 12, 2017

RE: DG 17-068

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities - Keene Division Petition
for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms.Howland:

I respectfully request that the Public Utilities Commission deny Liberty Utilities a Declaratory Ruling on their franchise request for Keene, NH. Denying our community a full hearing with the opportunity to express our thoughts and concerns about a Liberty Utilities franchise would be unjust.

Keene and the Monadnock region have a long history of environmental stewardship and climate protection. There is a comprehensive Keene Master Plan that identifies goals for addressing climate change. The city has implemented strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions including more renewable energy choices. There is a continual effort to update and plan for a future that includes the impacts of decisions relative to energy use and sustainability. Keene Mayor Lane and the Keene City Council voted in June to endorse the Paris Accord on Climate Change making a strong commitment to uphold the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Any potential fossil fuel infrastructure development would certainly be of concern to many in our community including our government officials, the Cities Climate Protection Committee, conservation groups, local residents, businesses, the Antioch University and Keene State College communities and DHMC leaders with their Healthy Monadnock Campaign.

Please honor the values and goals of our community by allowing us to have a platform for our voices to be heard concerning Liberty Utilities development in our city.

Sincerely,

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