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Subject: My concern for Keene and our health

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

RE: DG 18-092

Liberty Utilities Corp/EnergyNorth Natural Gas, d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene

**Petition for a License to Construct and Maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline
beneath the Ashuelot River in Keene**

Dear Ms. Howland,

Please accept my comments on DG 18-092. I have a great concern that pipelines are quite unreliable, and the evidence that they will eventually break down and cause leaks is common sense. In Keene, this utility has proposed drilling beneath the Ashuelot River, which is obviously a natural resource for us – and for many throughout the region. Furthermore, there are many in Keene who have strong interest in a future free of pollution; we support a very different scenario, as does Concord: we affirm those in the city who promote renewable energy for the municipality instead – and to be free of fossil fuels by 2045, according to Keene State College.

The public needs to know that “natural gas” is not a clean fuel, and it is fracked gas – the process of fracturing shale and thrusting chemicals underground under high pressure (often poisoning water tables) – so it's not natural either. Then this is transported to New England... and we are offended that this means we have LOST self-determination. The strength of our preference for rejecting fossil fuels can be seen in the rise of other states making the same claim. Because fracked gas is, in fact, **methane**, and when it leaks into the atmosphere, it is deadlier than carbon dioxide by a factor of 86.

Since we expect to raise awareness on this issue, and gain critical popular support for investing in renewable sources, I would ask you to determine the benefit of allowing us to pursue alternatives to Liberty's plan. That is a decision to benefit the general population, for a healthier future.

Most respectfully,

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