

Dear Members of the DES

Please read my inquiry for information
to the Current Use Board (N.H.) which I
think should be of interest to you.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,
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To: Members of the Current Use Board, State of New Hampshire

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This letter is in regard to the proposed pipeline by Kinder Morgan in Richmond, NH and surrounding towns of Winchester, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Swanzey, etc. and involves "the public good". When a property owner puts land into "current use" it is agreed that the land (s) follow certain regulations such as no buildings or permanent structures be built on the land; if the owner does so the land used will no longer qualify for this tax exemption and a penalty of 10% of the advalorem value will be assessed to the owner payable within thirty days payable upon receipt of the bill. Cutting of trees is allowed and timber tax (10% of the value of the cut (paid to the town) by the land owner.

1. We (Richmond) were informed at an April 2015 meeting in Richmond, NH that the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline will be a thirty (30) inch diameter, thin walled pipe, tunneled six ft. (?) deep with an incineration area nine hundred (900) feet wide (approximately ¼ mile wide) with blow off terminals to regulate pressure and will also be strategically placed.
2. If NH land in current ^{USA} ~~US~~ acquired use by eminent domain by a pipeline company how is NH affected by this change in ownership? In the afore mentioned meeting (April 2015) Kinder Morgan (representative) said there will be no remuneration to fire departments, rescue departments, etc. in the event of an eruption of their pipeline. Who will pay for these services if needed and how to plan for furnishing funding and equipment on this possibility has not been mentioned? Roads fail, bridges fail, any man made entity can and does fail, who will pay for these failures?
3. If the owners of the land acquired by the pipeline by eminent domain the sizes of the original property will no doubt be affected and in some cases no longer qualify for current use. The rules originally agreed upon will have to be amended and how will this be the "public good" for the land owner?
4. The "public good" is greatly affected by the "taking" as in instances in Richmond alone involves destruction of areas of lands once reserved for preservation of hills, valleys, aquifers, homes, historic sites, cemetery lands (Richmond has 20 cemetery lands) and pollution from pressure blow off all in the name of "public good".

5. The "public good" should be for all people and not to profit a company (or more than one) to desecrate, harm or injure lands to profit a corporation. The said pipeline will not benefit anyone in the town of Richmond with services or products. Any pipeline extensions to other companies for their use to sell products will cost further expense to those who "might" purchase said products.
6. Who will benefit most? Will it be the corporation? What about the town(s) "public good" and increased need to protect the general population from poisons in the fracked gases to wells, contamination of aquifers, rivers, ponds and the waters that grow grasses.
7. Can we in rural NH just because we have a lower population afford to sacrifice our wellbeing of small communities, tourism, and enjoyment for many, to send fossil fuel to foreign countries?
8. For the "public good" there are many options of renewable energy, for example wind, solar, geothermal, etc. which would not be detrimental to the land or inhabitants (humans) or life in general. Current use was devised in NH in the 1970's to preserve our state for future generations as well as ourselves. It is sad to think that people who once thought and planned to keep our state green and beautiful will now have to retract the promise of "public good" to future generations in order to support a corporation whose concern is really only MONEY. We cannot save the whole world. Our defenses are not by the sword or gun but words, spoken, written, and the VOTE for those who truly represent our ideals.



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