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We are told it NED will bring jobs. Northeast Energy Direct will bring some temporary jobs to the region, but Kinder Morgan's claim of 3,000 is exaggerated. Maximum jobs will be during peak construction, approx. 18-24 months. However, a good portion of them will go to specialized workers, like pipeline welding crews from Oklahoma. There will be five permanent jobs.

We were told the gas is for New Hampshire, but if that were true, why was the pipe originally planned for Massachusetts? KM states that they have 0.5 Bcf/day in contracts (which is questionable), 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. Furthermore, the only stated contracts in New Hampshire are with Liberty, a KM subsidiary. So is it right for KM 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 powers?

We are told that it is a good idea that the pipeline should leave Massachusetts, enter New Hampshire for 70 miles then return to Massachusetts when New Hampshire uses 4% of gas in New England and Massachusetts uses 61%.

We are told this is a "brownfield" development. Kinder Morgan claims the pipe is "co-located" or "under" existing power lines. In reality, a 100 foot swath of forest, 70 miles long will be clear cut alongside the power lines' right of way, doubling the width of the existing scar. Contrary to popular belief, many families live year-round along this route and their wells will be adversely affected by all that blasting though the "Granite State". The power lines will provide a convenient ignition source for any leaks in the 30" dia, 1460 PSI pipe.

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. Demand from these markets can only drive up domestic prices.

We are told that a new pipeline and gas-fired electricity plants are needed to replace the 8,300 MW of electric generation capacity that is being retired in the next few years. Ending the reign of nuclear, coal, and oil plants is a positive step, but replacing them with natural gas perpetuates dependency on fossil fuels and only gets in the way of renewables. Also, not all of the capacity retiring needs to be replaced with power plants. The cost of utility-scale solar has dropped 78% in the past five years, making renewables economically competitive with gas.

We are often told gas is "clean" but natural gas is primarily methane and when burned, it still produces CO₂, albeit less than coal or oil. However, when released directly in to the atmosphere as in a compressor station "blow down", methane is 86 times a more "powerful" a greenhouse gas than CO₂.

Kinder Morgan, is a Huston based company, but has purchased memberships in various New Hampshire Chambers of Commerce in an effort to gain undue influence here.

Please do the right thing and formally deny NED.

Thank you
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