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Reference:

New Hampshire SEC Docket 2015-08

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CHAPTER 162-H ENERGY FACILITY EVALUATION, SITING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION
Section 162-H:10-b Paragraph IV. The committee shall consider intervention in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings involving the siting of high pressure gas pipelines in order to protect the interest of the state of New Hampshire.

To:

Commissioner Martin Honigberg, Chairman
Commissioner Thomas S. Burack, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jeffrey Rose
Commissioner Kathryn M. Bailey
Ms Elizabeth Muzzey
Ms Patty Weathersby
Ms Rachel E.D. Whitaker
Mr. Brian Buonamano

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

I attended the public meeting held on the afternoon of January 5, 2016. I may have a simplistic grasp of the interaction between the various departments of our government, but I was incredulous to hear that the Site Evaluation Committee was not prepared to make a decision on whether or not to register as an intervenor in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission process, given that the last day to so register had been January 6, 2016. This does not require the Committee to take a stand for or against the Northeast Energy Direct project itself, but concerns whether or not to even reserve a place at the table that will enable you to enter the discussion should you deem it appropriate at some time in the future.

Given that this project will involve the taking of over 1,000 acres of New Hampshire private and conservation land, and

Given that this project has the potential to affect several municipal water supplies and countless private wells, and

Given that the cost of this project will be upon the ratepayers of the State of New Hampshire for decades to come, and

Given that a reputable physician has stated that the increase in healthcare costs due to the emissions of one compressor station, based on rates of exposure calculated using Kinder Morgan's own published data, could be \$2 million, and

Given that the proposed project will have a long-lasting affect New Hampshire's energy policy, and

Given that the overview on your own website states “The introduction of major new energy facility proposals for a site or sites in New Hampshire presents the local community, the state, and often the New England region with fundamental impacts to the environment, energy supply, economy, and the public’s health and welfare which must be carefully analyzed before proceeding. The impacts may be either positive or negative, temporary or permanent, or more commonly a combination of each. Since such major changes carry with them the potential to influence so many sectors of our daily life, a comprehensive, high-level approach geared toward "balancing" these impacts has been established to ensure that these new facilities are evaluated in the public’s best interests, and that they are designed, built, and operated in a manner that will protect and preserve the high quality of life enjoyed by New Hampshire’s residents and visitors alike.” I believe it is your DUTY to at least reserve a place in the discussion regarding a project with such extensive impact on the citizens of the State of New Hampshire.

Please file a motion to intervene.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Douglas Whitbeck