

To: NH SEC

Subject: request re Motion to Intervene regarding Kinder Morgan NED project (FERC docket # CP16-21-000)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to request that you become an intervener regarding the Kinder Morgan NED pipeline project (FERC docket # CP16 - 21 - 000).

This project is a complex one that does not serve the needs of NH residents because of its cost, it's lack of clear need and benefit, and because of the enormous disruption and potential for degrading the health and well being of NH's residents, it's culture and it's environment.

We have great concerns regarding issues surrounding eminent domain for private gain, the potential contamination of drinking water since the pipeline as proposed crosses aquifers all across the state, as well as the risk to not just water quality but quantity as construction and hydrostatic testing may impact local water supplies. We have concerns regarding safety since Kinder Morgan does not have a good track record in that regard and it has been noted that their operating budgets have been poorly funded in the areas of maintenance and oversight. The health of residents and wildlife is also a concern since compressor stations and various structures along the pipeline can emit toxic chemicals - the list of which Kinder Morgan has been unwilling to provide - though the evidence is mounting at sites like Minisink, NY, that health issues both short and long term are of growing concern. Our hard won conservation lands - many of which were entrusted to the state or Land Trusts are in jeopardy and with it the issue of whether anyone can trust that their land, given or purchased at lower prices in good faith, should be given for protection when no protections will be ultimately be given.

Further, the evidence of need has not been clearly shown and the role of this massive, industrial project is not clear as one looks at NH's Energy Plan - a plan which calls for diversification, This project, if constructed, would fly in the face of that plan, moving the equation to the side of fossil fuels and against one that includes a balance of renewable energy. Currently there are over 17 energy projects in consideration in New England and the region, several of which are pipelines and these need to be looked at in concert, not independently. As a result of this "silo" approach, a clear picture of need and impact is obscured. Further, claims that rates will go down for NH residents has not been clearly shown, especially since it is becoming more obvious that this massive overbuild is intended for export where gas prices overseas are four times what they are here - resulting therefore in our prices increasing to match the market. This is verified by Irving Oil's recent Motion to Intervene last week with FERC which clearly states, "The NED Project will allow Irving Oil to transport natural gas from production areas in Pennsylvania and New York through the Northeast United States and into Canada."

Finally, we in NH work within tight, often bare bones budgets, with state agencies often working with small staffs - a situation which leads many of us to question how will a state like ours manage the oversight of this project - both while it is being built and years after when it is in operation, or in the future during decommissioning when the shale fields play out as estimated in 20 years.

For all these reasons, and more, I therefore request that you please act so that you can help the people of NH should legal intervention be required and NH be allowed to be a party of the case. Please submit a Motion to become an Intervener with FERC in opposition to the NED pipeline proposal. A full letter with our signatures will follow.

Thank you.

Regards,



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