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Ms. Pamela G. Monroe  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am writing to you as a member of The Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, regarding the Site Evaluation Committee's notice for public comments in Docket 2016-01 on the rulemaking process required by RSA 162-H:10-b.

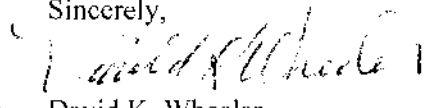
As an Executive Councilor representing one fifth of the NH population, approximately 264,000 citizens, I am responsible for ensuring that the interests of these citizens are addressed throughout the rulemaking process. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the comment deadline of February 29, 2016 be extended indefinitely in order to allow citizens adequate time to participate in the rulemaking process.

While I am not in a position to propose specific language for the rules, I am advocating for detailed regulations that consider the environmental, health, and safety impacts that a high-pressure gas pipeline would have on Towns and their citizens. The rules should require an evaluation of need, alternatives and costs to New Hampshire residents as well as a detailed assessment of ancillary facilities including compressor stations, meter stations and any related LNG facilities. Moreover, the rules should address impacts of high-pressure pipeline facilities on sensitive areas including but not limited to wetlands, aquifers, schools and superfund sites.

It is important that such regulations go beyond the minimum threshold of requiring applicants to merely recite their project plans. Instead, the rules should reflect substantive requirements that protect the wellbeing of the citizens. This is especially important given the construction practices and facilities associated with high-pressure gas pipelines, and therefore local Town voices are paramount to this process.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, and again urge the Committee to remember the importance of protecting public interest throughout the entire rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

  
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