



SELECT BOARDS FILING FOR INTERVENOR STATUS with the NH Public Utilities Commission

NH PUC Docket DG 17-198 Liberty Utilities Granite Bridge Project

Points made by the PUC staff:

- In addition to all the documents that general public can view, an intervenor gets copies of discovery questions and answers. That means you get more of an overview of the proceedings, what Liberty Utilities is presenting to the PUC and how they are responding.
- The intervenor gets direct notification of meetings, rather than having to look up each one on their calendar.
- Intervenors have a right to appeal the PUC decision.
- There is no charge, no fee, to become an intervenor.
- Intervenors are not required to have legal representation.
- Intervenors can receive all filings directly via email.

Although the filing deadline has passed, the PUC likes to maximize participation and usually grants intervenor status past the deadline, unless the request is at the very end of the proceedings, when they consider it to be a delay tactic. For this reason, we strongly recommend that the Granite Bridge Pipeline impacted towns and abutting towns immediately file as an intervenor.

Members of the Select Board, other town boards and individuals, including members of the general public, may also file as intervenors. Persons directly or indirectly impacted are urged to file.

Intervention

“Most persons or entities participating in Commission proceedings do so as formal intervenors. Unless limited by the Commission, an intervenor becomes a full party to the case in question, with the right to submit testimony, participate in discovery, cross-examine witnesses at hearings and make arguments to the Commission. To gain intervenor status, one must file a Petition to Intervene that demonstrates that the party’s rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the case. RSA 541-A:32, Puc 203.17.

It is the Commission’s practice to maximize public participation in Commission proceedings. Therefore, the Commission generally welcomes statements at prehearing conferences and hearings from interested parties, whether or not they have intervened

formally. Puc 203.18. However, the Commission does not permit non-intervenors to present sworn testimony at hearings or to cross-examine witnesses.”

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/practiceguide.htm>

Liberty Utilities does not inform towns/individuals that they can become intervenors in the process. That alone should give pause and reason to pursue intervenor status. To be well-informed, even in regards to issues and opportunities that may not be in Liberty's best interest to disclose, you should file as an intervenor

View other documents and intervenor filings

https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-198/MOTIONS-OBJECTIONS/17-198_2018-04-25_EPPING_ASSENTED_TO_MOTION_LATE_INTERVENTION.PDF

Additional reasons you may want to refer to in your request:

- *A related town RSA #*
- *Concerns about methane emissions and other toxic emissions, blow downs and health issues. For more, search, “Physicians for Social Responsibility and fracking”*
- *Concerns raised by the Select Board and citizens, including health or safety*
- *Questions about the real need of the project, when repairing the 2.2% leakage rate and energy efficiency efforts would greatly increase available product.*
- *Liberty Utilities inspection violations and failure to report leaks **
- *Former use of the property designated as conservation land*
- *Proximity to a residence*
- *Cost of the pipeline to ratepayers*

* <http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20180802/environmentalists-fight-route-101-gas-pipeline>

Questions about filing for Intervenor Status

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Information about Granite Bridge Pipeline and an interactive map

ECHOaction.org/Granite-Bridge