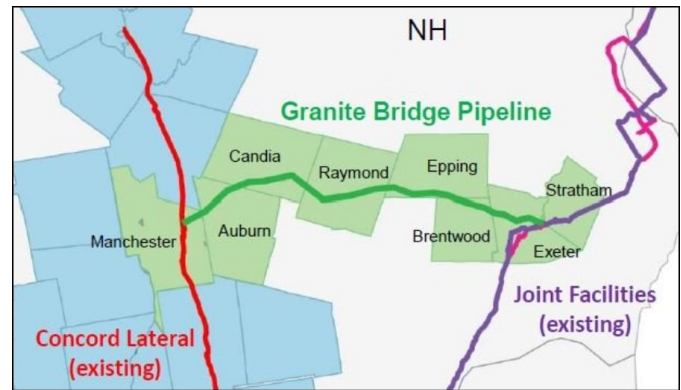


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WHAT IS PROPOSED?

- 27-mile, 16-inch diameter, high pressure (950 psi) natural gas pipeline along Route 101 from Stratham to Manchester.
- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Epping would include LNG storage tank (approx. 160' high, 200' wide, sized to store 2 billion cubic feet) and plant to liquify gas from pipeline, and regasify for distribution.
- Right-of-way for pipeline was designated an Energy Infrastructure Corridor in 2016 by legislation ([NH Rev Stat § 162-R:2 \(2016\)](#)).



WHAT KEY REGULATORY APPROVALS ARE REQUIRED?

- The [Public Utilities Commission \(PUC\)](#) is now reviewing the project, largely from a financial perspective.
- The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) will review siting issues ([SEC filing planned end of 2018](#)).

WHY IS THIS BEING PROPOSED?

- Liberty claims demand for gas is expanding beyond what existing infrastructure (the Concord Lateral) can support. However, they have been aggressively marketing gas for years to create this demand.
- Investor-owned utilities have a financial incentive to expand gas infrastructure because they receive a [guaranteed rate of return on investment](#).

LIBERTY HAS HAD AN AGGRESSIVE EXPANSION PLAN FOR YEARS

- Liberty was the only NH gas utility signed on as [customer for Kinder Morgan's failed Northeast Energy Direct project](#) (NED); Liberty proposed a [new, four-town franchise](#) in the NED-impacted Rindge area (and met with significant [local opposition](#)).
- Acquired [Concord Steam](#) (biomass plant) customer base to convert to gas.
- Bought out [Keene air-propane system](#), acquired [new franchise rights](#) in Pelham & Windham.
- Temporary [compressed natural gas facility](#) okayed by Keene for a Liberty franchise.
- New distribution pipelines [built in Pelham](#).
- [Lebanon/Hanover franchise](#) conditionally approved (final approval depends on whether Liberty signs up enough customers).
- [Possible new franchises](#) mentioned for Epping, Candia, Raymond.



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LIBERTY DOES NOT DISCLOSE ALL OF THE COSTS AND RISKS OF THE PROJECT

- Much of the financial information about Granite Bridge is currently [being kept confidential](#).
- Costs of such projects typically far [exceed initial projections](#).
- Liberty's ratepayers will be asked to fund the project (currently approximated at [\\$350 million total cost](#)).
- Liberty cannot guarantee that natural gas prices will remain low.
- The NH Consumer Advocate (who has access to confidential information) is calling for greater transparency about this project and has expressed concern that [ratepayers and the public do not have access to information about the costs](#) that will ultimately be used by Liberty to request rate increases. He flags a ["very, very, very substantial" increase to the rate base](#) proposed by Liberty that he cannot disclose due to a Protective Order filed by the company with the PUC.
- [Environmental impacts](#) would include Lamprey River crossings, construction near Massabesic Lake.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- [Become a member of PLAN-NE](#), which is intervening at the PUC on behalf of ratepayers and concerned residents. Intervenors can gain access to confidential information. PLAN-NE works with legal and technical experts with decades of experience in energy advocacy and analysis.
- Comment on the PUC docket (DG 17-198) to express your concerns.
- Raise your concerns with municipal officials and state legislators.
- Spread local awareness about the project in person, through social media and traditional media.



*Working to prevent the overbuild of fossil fuel infrastructure
and to champion clean, sustainable energy solutions.*

We will continue to update our website with information about the Granite Bridge project.