


Wilton NH Conservation Commission Position On Proposed NED Pipeline

The Wilton, NH Conservation Commission strongly opposes the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Pipeline proposed by Kinder Morgan:

1. A compressed gas pipeline, especially one put underground, out of sight and out of reach, puts plants, wildlife, and aquifers; thus, people's health - at risk. The WCC notes that all of Wilton's drinking water is pumped from wells in Wilton, from aquifers that know no man-made boundaries.
2. The size and proximity of the proposed compressor station poses significant health, safety and environmental hazards due to routine as well as accidental discharges of , compounds that have known health risks and unregulated, compounds into the atmosphere. These discharges have the potential for fire and/or explosion in close proximity (¼ mile) to the Temple elementary school and to lands now being conserved by Wilton, Temple, Greenville, and Mason, among others.
3. The noise impact of a compressor station of the proposed magnitude is entirely out of keeping with the rural, natural character of the area surrounding the proposed site; This will severely degrade the quality of life for people within earshot. In addition, it will degrade the surrounding wildlife habitat the Wilton Conservation Commission is charged with protecting.
4. The proposed pipeline will transport gas obtained by Hydraulic Fracturing (HF). HF is process we reject for the same reasons and for their similar consequences: the injection of unspecified and unregulated compounds into the environment regardless that the process may take place "somewhere else". The WCC reminds FERC, Kinder Morgan, and the public, that the price of a fuel does not necessarily reflect its cost, and that the real costs are seldom borne by the end users.
5. We do not support efforts, especially "dirty" ones, to extend the existing fossil fuel infrastructure at the cost of distracting effort and dollars from, and thus delaying the search for, and development of cleaner and more sustainable energy sources.

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