

Questions for Kevin Avard to ask Maggie Hassan

- 1)** Question: Governor, the proposed NED gas pipeline route spans 17 southern NH communities, affecting countless deliberately and carefully preserved wetlands, conservation and recreational lands, state forests, and waterways including lakes, ponds, rivers and streams, and directly impacts about 800 NH property owners. Do you believe the NED project is responsibly sited? (DO NOT CHANGE THE WORDING HERE – it is a FERC condition)

- 2)** Question: What are the costs to me, both financially and otherwise?

- 3)** Is there still a ratepayer's tariff on the table to underwrite costs? Do you support that?

- 4)** Many of the communities on the proposed route do not have municipal water systems, only private wells supplied by surface water. The smallest pipeline leak and emissions would contaminate widespread drinking water. Are you willing to impose such a risk on NH residents?

- 5)** Many of the communities on the proposed route only have tiny volunteer fire departments with little equipment and small budgets. They don't have the manpower, equipment or training to handle any gas pipeline explosion or malfunction. Can you guarantee the safety of residents? (If so, what is your specific plan?)

- 6)** About 800 NH property owners are in danger of having their property condemned through eminent domain to make way for this private enterprise. Will you allow that?

- 7)** Question: Will the NED pipeline project provide us with an abundant, secure, reliable and cost-effective energy supply for both the short term and long term?

- 8)** Won't the NED pipeline make NH overly dependent on natural gas as an energy source?

- 9)** Natural gas has been touted as a bridge fuel. Won't the NED pipeline shut the door on other possibilities, including alternative energy projects?

- 10)** As early as 2013, KM announced plans to export the majority of its natural gas to Canada, Asia and other places. With that in mind, won't this NED pipeline keep us and future generations of NH residents hostage to the variances of a global marketplace? Won't KM pass its profits on to its stakeholders, and their losses to us, making it financially prohibitive in the long run?
- 11)** Question: Both KM and many politicians want to become the world leader in energy, for economic and foreign affairs reasons. However, as a parent, do you think it's wise to allow a private corporation to determine the future of the planet, particularly in light of issues like climate change?
- 12)** Has the governor talked with FERC about this pipeline and voiced our concerns about safety (both risk of explosion and risk of gas leaks), short and long term environmental damage, loss by eminent domain and devaluation of personal property, how much of the gas will be outsourced to other countries versus how much will be used in NH, and NH's interest in renewable resources such as solar and wind.
- 13)** In the event of an explosion along the route, are the fire departments in some of the smaller, more rural towns equipped to deal with such a catastrophic event, especially since the incineration zone will run through heavily wooded areas?
- 14)** Why does this, or any, pipeline have to go thru virgin territory? Wouldn't running the line down an existing thru way be the better way to go? And since it's so safe, why can't that existing roadway be an interstate highway? Right down a meridian? Access is easy! Monitoring is easy! Repairs can be instant. And there's no blasting and no further destruction of wetlands, forests, aquifers et al. Why not go down the Mass Pike? It's a straight shot!
- 15)** Is any study or report that shows we NEED this gas and how it benefits residents of NH.

- 16)** Studies show that renewable energy creates more/local jobs. Wouldn't we be better off pursuing those options than something that is so disruptive and backwards - creating more dependence on fossil fuels?
- 17)** Is an emergency plan in effect if the water table is affected and a whole town loses their water or if the water becomes contaminated. A town can go bankrupt. Why we should take on the myriad risks of this pipeline, which will last past our lifetimes, and not invest in renewable energy which will eventually be free energy. Germany is doing this. They are more northerly than we are and they have 31% of their energy coming from renewables. The Governor needs to explain what is wrong with this idea.
- 18)** Please consider the many reasons why NH residents don't want it (nearly 1000 signed the petition). Can we disregard the citizens of NH in favor of one of the wealthiest private companies in the U.S.?
- 19)** "If Kinder already has pipeline in Pelham, why do they need to break new ground, instead of build from there?" As a property owner on Scott Pond less than 1/4 mile from the proposed path, how is this going to affect my property value? Can we have more time to inform neighbors who are in vicinity of the proposed sites since we are not being adequately informed? Even if pipelines are underground and below bodies of water, development cannot be 0 impact, how will this affect the environment? Will Kinder compensate property owners for any and all loss of current and future property value should they succeed? Why is Kinder is such a rush? What effort is Kinder Morgan making to research both endangered and threatened species along the proposed path?
- 20)** 1. Article 12-A of the NH State Constitution prohibits use of eminent domain "if the taking is for the use of private development." The NED project is entirely the domain of a private out-of-state corporation and can in no way be considered a federal- or state-government project, so this article would seem to apply. Doesn't Article 12-A demand that the State of NH oppose NED on this basis?
- 21)** The State of NH under Gov. Lynch commissioned the development of the "Climate Action Plan" (CAP) which outlined steps to reduce carbon emissions. That plan's current incarnation, the "10 Year State Energy Strategy" published recently by NH OEP, repeats many of the CAP's recommendations. Both documents urge the State to avoid the "business as usual" (BAU) approach to energy supply and to pursue other alternatives. Supporting the use of eminent

domain to take property for NED would seem to go against these recommendations. Can you please explain this apparent contradiction?

- 22)** In 2005, the Supreme Court of the United States in "Kelo vs. New London" ruled (paraphrasing) that the federal government can delegate eminent domain authority to private corporations. Where do you stand on this issue?
- 23)** You currently support a tariff on electric rates that will financially support NED. Some of this money will presumably be used by Kinder Morgan to pay for easements taken from landowners by eminent domain. How do you justify asking NH citizens to give money against their will when that money will then be used to take their property against their will?
- 24)** This gas is going to Europe. Kinder Morgan and the frackers should pay a royalty to recoup costs of the pipeline and pay just damages to people who will lose their land and property value through the eminent domain process. The people who will benefit should bear the burden... the thought of a tariff to be paid by rate payers is just another injustice. Will the governor support and help facilitate the process to impose the royalty?
- 25)** TDI group who is working with Blackrock Investments has proposed two high voltage transmission lines through Vermont. They will take power from hydro Quebec. One line will be set in Lake Champlain and run along the Hudson to NY City. The other will go under Lake Champlain and then be buried underground from the Cavendish VT substation to Vernon VT. ...both lines will carry 1000mw of power or enough to power one million homes.. Vernon station produced 645mw or enough to power 600,000 homes. The developers of the projects say that the Vernon line would obviate the need for northern pass. Therefore all power plus some has been replaced... would the governor support that Kinder Morgan's assertions that the gas will be used for generation is not true??
- 26)** Senator Avard. Please ask the Governor why renewable energy sources are not being more actively assessed for meeting our long term energy needs. This pipeline will create a surplus of energy from dirty sources and it poses unnecessary risks. What is the argument against renewable energy as a source for meeting our future energy needs? They are quite adequate for supplying Germany -- 31% of their energy now comes from renewables.

- 27)** Kinder Morgan's justification for building a pipeline through New Hampshire is a minor shortfall of gas in the Boston area on the coldest days of the year. Why not promote the use of existing infrastructure that costs less and can address the seasonal gas shortfall immediately? For example, LNG delivery to the Port of Boston, fixing leaks (a large problem), upgrading existing pipelines, and additional storage.
- 28)** Will you stand up for NH and say NO to KM? Will you Tell KM and Tennessee pipeline NH is not for sale!
- 29)** Why would an honest, newly reelected NH Governor in the United States of America allow a PRIVATE corporation the right to take private land unlawfully using eminent domain?
- 30)** Eminent domain is not something a corporation declares upon United States Citizens! KM has taken the position that they are entitled to eminent domain and it has become THEIR right! How is it that KM is being allowed to go around telling NH citizens that they have decided to put a pipeline across their private lands? Will you stand up and recognize that the use of eminent domain being misused and cannot be granted to this company?
- 31)** Why not take a different approach to meeting energy demands such as following the NEW 10 year energy plan that was just put in place 2014 fall? KM's plan directly works against this new 10 year plan. Why not stop them on this point alone!
- 32)** Are you paying attention to this company's terrible safety record? Are you aware that they contaminate and pollute whatever they want and then throw money at the problems they create?
- 33)** Have you any idea what disease, birth defects, environmental disaster, mental anguish and loss of livelihood this will create?
- 34)** How do you think money will help when the water, land and sky are polluted? What is money going to do for us when clean water is gone?

- 35)** How is it that the corporation is proceeding with plans with assumed authority to put a pipeline over conservation lands, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and other sensitive preservationists with easements, and legal restrictions?
- 36)** Would you put a pipeline across your front steps? Would you like to have your own property incinerated by a gas line explosion? Would you like to have your very own drinking water destroyed?
- 37)** How much money is that worth? Think! Think! Think! Maggie, how about saying NO? How about NO KM cannot come across NH because IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THEM!
- 38)** Will you tell them they cannot buy NH or any New England states because we are not for sale!
- 39)** One more, if I may: We would like to ask Maggie Hassan if she would come and meet with members of the New Hampshire communities affected by propose pipeline route so she can directly hear our concerns.
- 40)** What are your plans to reduce the use of natural gas in compliance with the:
- a.** New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires 24.8% of electricity sold to come from renewable energy resources by 2025
 - b.** New Hampshire Climate Action Plan, which calls for New Hampshire to achieve 80% of 1990 CO2 levels by 2050?
- 41)** Will the Governor support a tariff on all electric ratepayers to pay for building the K/M pipeline?

42) How will the Governor address the high risk of cost over-runs and groundwater contamination due to extensive blasting needed to lay the pipeline in the "Granite State"? This is especially a concern in Mason where our only water sources (private wells and aquifer) could be contaminated.

43) From the state's point of view what's the rush? "Your constituency has requested an extension of time to research the implications of this pipeline, are you willing to use your influence to make that happen?"

44) Environmental concerns are many. The proposed pipeline is running on top of an EPA superfund site on the border of Troy and Fitzwilliam. It is the Troy Mills dump site. This will have serious and dangerous ramifications. "Are you willing to put area residents at risk of the effects of the toxins at that site?"

45) There is a huge amount of wetlands and watersheds in the Monadnock Region. All of our watersheds feed other waterways, such as Millers River in Massachusetts, the Ashuelot and Connecticut Rivers. The great majority of homeowners are on well water. This project has the potential of polluting NH residents' water along the pipeline route, and also far reaching communities and recreational areas. "Are you in favor of a project that has that magnitude of adverse environmental impact?"

46) How are towns like Winchester supported to handle the extreme burden falling property values will put on us? We are already a high tax rate. The planned pipeline follows very little right of way in this town & the majority of it is going through private property. Land owners who don't want to sell are concerned with eminent domain & their land being taken from them. Some property near me is farmed. It's a double whammy for the property owners. To have this land taken from them, torn up, and made un-farmable for who knows how long, hits them financially over & over forever. We are an agricultural part of NH. It's more than just taking land. It's taking our way of life.

47) Liberty Utilities said it has committed to purchasing enough gas from KM/TGP to heat 65,000 NH households. Currently NH has 518,973 HOUSEHOLDS. So - even if Liberty was going to supply 65,000 HOUSEHOLDS with home heating by gas right away, that leaves

453,973 HOUSEHOLDS in NH that will not benefit from this pipeline in any way. Does it make sense to disrupt so many lives, values of properties, conservation lands, wetlands for the direct benefit of only a small percentage of NH households?

48) Dear Senator:

Please ask Gov. Hasson to file with FERC the same request filed by NH Fed. Delegation stating:

17 NH communities are entitled to equal protection with Mass. Communities

who had from 4/14-11/14 to prepare, gather information, evaluate the risk to the citizens of NH!

Mason is a small town yet proposed to absorb a compressor station, main 36" line to Mass, and 12" lateral line to Mass. Our residents are looking at the entire infrastructure, taking of property. Endless inhumane consequence, in order to accommodate KM and private profits to be derived in foreign markets

Help.

Please file w Ferc Gov

Get NH equal protection

And due process.

Thank you

Additional (some duplicate?) questions Senator Avarad received and posted on Facebook.

1. Why are they [Kinder Morgan?] joining the chambers of commerce in Nashua, Peterborough, Keene and Rindge?
2. How do they [KM] explain the fire in the Gulf of Mexico and also in Mississippi and how can they say this whole process is safe?
3. What kind of alert system do they have for blowdowns or other emissions or noise events?
4. What kind of emergency plan is in place in the event of fire like the ones in the Gulf and Mississippi?
5. How do we trust them to pay taxes to the towns when if you check the records they haven't paid their fair share of taxes before?
6. What about climate change? We make sure my car has a emission check, yet methane which is

what natural gas is, is a far more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide how will this keep our air clean?

7. Is PSNH aware that the pipeline will follow the existing power line and what do they think of it?

8. Tennessee Gas said we will have access to the gas other sources say this is not so they are just passing through our state to Canada? Yet on their own paper work it says Kinder Morgan does not own or operate local distribution systems. Which means we don't get any gas in these towns-- another lie.

9. How do they explain the compressor stations and the noise created by this stations as well, as stated in the previous question, methane and what it can do to people living near the stations things like lung cancer, leukemia, damage to liver , kidneys to name a few?

10. What happens to tourism with these stations in our towns?

11. What business will want to come to a state that can't protect its people from companies like Kinder Morgan?

12. How can we move forward-- this will not help our economy no matter what they say about paying taxes.

Questions from Senator Avard

1. I have recently found out that my home along with 47 other homes in the area are where Kinder Morgan want to build the compressor station. Is Kinder Morgan prepared to pay us for our homes, moving costs, legal fees among other damages? And are they prepared for lawsuits that will come because of this?

2. The selectmen of New Ipswich have yet to schedule a public meeting with its residents. Will our representatives be monitoring the towns to make sure they are having public meetings as was requested?

3. Is the state taking into consideration the damage the pipeline will do to our environment along with health concerns that have already been an issue with residents living near pipelines in other states?

4. Are the towns equipped to handle an explosion from the pipeline or compressor stations? I have read multiple reports of explosions and where most towns have volunteer fire departments and a small budget this is a concern.