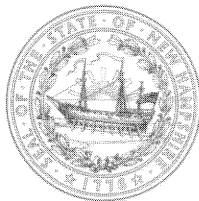


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June 26, 2015

Dwight Brew
Chairman
Town of Amherst Board of Selectmen
PO Box 960
Amherst, NH 03031

Dear Chairman Brew and Members of the Board of Selectmen:

Thank you for your letter dated June 8, 2015 regarding the Board's concerns with the proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline by Kinder Morgan. The NED proposal is a significant project in New Hampshire that will be rigorously reviewed by the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) upon Kinder Morgan's filing of an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility. The Office of the Attorney General will be monitoring the project, and pursuant to RSA 162-H:9 an Assistant Attorney General will be designated as Counsel for the Public in the SEC proceeding.

With regard to the constitutional issues you raise, this office cannot offer its opinion on the merits of those issues. While the land at issue is located in New Hampshire, the constitutional claims would necessarily be brought by the individuals whose property interests were being impacted. The State, through the Office of the Attorney General, would have no role in such litigation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Ann M. Rice", written over a light gray circular background.

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