

MA candidate for Governor, Daniel Berwick's statement is the best, most succinct description of how NH's energy policy should be developed:

“While we need a ‘bridge’ fuel in the *short* time until we can power our grid and mobile sources completely without fossil fuels, I am very concerned about the dangers of making any more long-term investments in natural gas infrastructure. Pipeline proposals, including the Kinder Morgan pipeline, create safety concerns in the communities they pass through, and threaten to create infrastructure that lock us into the use of fossil fuels for far longer than necessary. They also will likely invite fracked gas into the state (MA), which I oppose.

“It is dangerous and misguided to support new pipelines unless we have fully exhausted every other option to supply reliable power. We should hit the pause button on new development....”

The Kinder Morgan project is a short sighted mistake for a myriad of reasons: among them, environmental devastation for communities being sacrificed to fracking and those receiving fracked gas through pipelines by building a costly, permanent infrastructure for a so called "bridge" fuel.

NH needs an energy policy that looks beyond further investment in fossil fuels. Please encourage our policy makers and Governor to take the time to craft smart policy. Legislate fixes for the aging, leaky infrastructure we already have without committing to more of same. And pursue renewables; we'll get used to seeing towers and windmills!

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