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Dear Energy and Technology Committee Members, I am writing to express my concern about bill #1078, An Act Concerning Affordable and Reliable Energy. I see this bill as a mechanism whereby the costs for pumping large amounts of fracked methane gas through new and expanded high pressure, large diameter pipelines will be passed on to ratepayers. The bill states that the "electric distribution company may seek recovery for the costs of purchasing new natural gas capacity" and that vague word "otherwise" describes how the company may recover those costs. Why should the ratepayers pay for extra fracked methane to be moved across our state? The application from Pieridae Energy to the US Department of Energy from October 2014 states clearly that 56% of all the fracked methane gas that will be piped across our region will go to Maine to be exported to the Goldboro Liquefied Natural Gas Plant, to be converted to LNG and shipped overseas. The application to DOE mentions both the Spectra and Kinder Morgan pipelines by name. It is not a secret that Kinder Morgan and Spectra Energy plan to build a total of 5 fracked gas pipeline expansions in our state, including the polluting infrastructure such as compressor stations, in order to export gas from the Marcellus Shale overseas, where gas prices haven't declined as they have in the US. In other words, our state will be ripped up to build pipelines that we don't need, and that are designed for export. To add insult to injury, we the ratepayers will pay to keep the gas pumping through these environmentally destructive projects, in order to profit the gas industry. Please vote no on RHB 1078.

Thank you,  
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