

February 18, 2020

Ryne Martin, Manager
Liberty Utilities
33 Stearns Street
Massena, New York 13662

Dear Mr. Martin:

On behalf of the Town of Malone, I strongly support Liberty Utilities NY's proposal to expand natural gas infrastructure in the Malone area.

This project will bring the natural gas option to a number of commercial operations on the Route 11 corridor, to additional residential customers, as well as to the Town of Malone IDA park.

The availability of natural gas will provide important cost savings, as well as environmental and safety benefits for existing commercial operations currently using other fossil fuels to heat their buildings. These cost savings are critical for a region with challenging economic conditions, as we all know energy costs are a major cost of living and doing business in the North Country.

The IDA and Town of Malone will also benefit by having the option of natural gas available for prospective tenants at the industrial park.

Franklin County and New York State were strong supporters of the effort by Liberty Utilities NY's predecessor, St. Lawrence Gas, to expand their service territory into northern St. Lawrence and Franklin counties, and this project will provide another opportunity for investments made at that time to bring further dividends to our region.

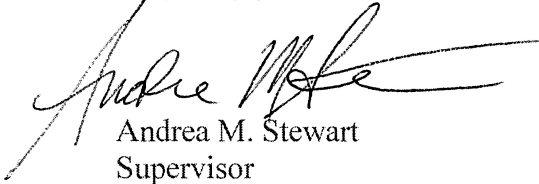
The initial expansion project has already benefitted several major employers in our region - ranging from the state correctional facilities in Malone, to North Country Dairy in North Lawrence and AgriMark in Chateaugay, and we are confident this proposed expansion project will benefit even more employers in our community.

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Not only will the availability of natural gas enhance the competitiveness of our established businesses in the marketplace, it gives us another tool to attract new employers to locate in our area.

This proposed expansion can only benefit our residents and businesses; therefore, I support this project.

Very truly yours,



Andrea M. Stewart
Supervisor