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**Subject:** National Grid's Application For New Gas Lines

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Dear Public Facilities Chair Leary,

I am writing in opposition to National Grid's application for 2 replacement gas lines.

Natural gas is a known contributor to climate change. National Grid's proposed gas lines, if approved, would remain in place for decades, thereby encouraging the continued use of natural gas for longer than is necessary—and thus doing greater harm to Newton residents, and to our planet. A better solution for our planet—and a better solution for Newton and, indeed, for the Commonwealth—would be for National Grid to repair/upgrade the existing pipelines, plugging the ongoing leaks so that the pipelines can remain in service until they are no longer necessary while limiting the damage they do to the climate.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
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