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SUIT ALLEGES UNFAIR DPU PROCESS ON GAS PIPELINE Northeast Energy Solutions (NEES) has appealed a Department of Public Utilities decision to approve the Berkshire Gas Company's gas transportation agreement in connection with the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline project. The appeal was filed with the Supreme Judicial Court. NEES members include the towns of Lenox, Massachusetts and Stephentown, New York as well as regional land trusts. In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs allege that the department "wrongfully excluded" the group from meaningfully participating in proceedings, prevented the group from accessing unredacted versions of important evidence, and agreed to Berkshire's request for "an abbreviated and expedited process." - Michael Norton/SHNS