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I am writing to comment on the Pieridae LNG export project FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG. This authorization of export contracts is not in the public interest of anyone anywhere along its route, or for that matter living on planet Earth save those looking to plunder the environment in pursuit of off-shore profits.

I live on what is now referred to as the “alternate” route of the Kinder Morgan (KM) Tennessee Gas Pipeline Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project, one of the pipelines that would feed natural gas from Marcellus shale fields to the Maritimes & Northeast pipeline in Dracut, MA headed to this export terminal in Nova Scotia. Moving their project one town North, swapping the “preferred” and “alternate” routes, does not mean I am no longer greatly affected, nor does it mean I no longer care whether it is built or included as an instrumental piece of this export scheme. After all, it is all our air & water and our climate the extraction and transportation of this fracked gas is threatening.

The U.S. Department of Energy should not be party to the creation of demand for profiteering corporations looking to make their way through the Northeast from the shale fields to pipeline routes to export terminals building this unnecessary, polluting, environment destroying, risk creating, short-sighted fossil fuel infrastructure all along the way. Infrastructure that average citizen ratepayers will be called upon to subsidize either directly with some sort of tariff or indirectly through rate increases.

The full life cycle of fracked gas from drill tip to burner tip, that is extraction, processing, transportation, shipping, liquefaction, re-gasification, and consumption must all be included in your calculations. Only then will the misnomer of ‘clean’ be stripped from so-called natural gas and the adverse impacts it has upon hundreds of American communities and everyone

across the United States be truly accounted for. The residents living near the extraction fields in Pennsylvania, as well as all of us living along the interstate transmission pipelines & accompanying infrastructure face adverse health impacts, water contamination, air pollution, depletion of property values, noise, heavy truck traffic, loss of forests, wetlands, and parklands, creation of radioactive waste, soil depletion, loss of wildlife, general environmental degradation, crippling catastrophic risk and adverse impacts on local business sectors sensitive to environmental quality such as agriculture and tourism.

My U.S. Senator, Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA), issued comments on the detrimental effects of large-scale exportation of natural gas back in May of 2014. He wrote:

“It is imperative, both for American jobs and the environment, that the Department of Energy continue to consider the public interest and the cumulative impact of potential exports on U.S. consumers and businesses before granting approval of natural gas exports.”

I ask the same. I also ask that an extension be granted for this application to give stakeholders time to comment and intervene. And ask that in future proposals such as this are more widely announced to allow all interested parties due time to participate.

In summary, the DOE cannot possibly make a determination that this project is in the public interest.

Thank you,
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