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To: [FERGAS](#)
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to submit comments on the proposal of Pieridae Energy to export liquified natural gas. I am a resident of Massachusetts and therefore feel I am potentially affected by such proposals both directly and indirectly. However, I only heard about this proposal today.

I am generally opposed to the export of natural gas. Exporting natural gas will increase market pressure to produce natural gas here in the US. Much recent growth in natural gas production is obviously from fracked natural gas. Fracked gas wells, compressor stations, and pipelines are increasingly known to be a local source of carcinogenic materials and methane gas, which is a potent greenhouse gas. As a pediatrician and a parent, I find it heart-wrenching to think that a child anywhere will develop cancers such as leukemia because of exposure to fracking chemicals such as benzene.

Furthermore, Massachusetts is increasingly reliant on natural gas for heating and particularly for electricity production. Rather than exporting what fracked gas is transported through the Commonwealth, we should be storing it here to meet our own regional needs.

Several analyses of pipelines have shown that building fossil fuel infrastructure will not lead to a significant number of permanent jobs. Approving natural gas export will generate more public health hazards, more climate change pollution, and considerable profits for the fossil fuel industry without any significant benefits for residents of Massachusetts or the US (other than for top executives of the fossil fuel industry).

We also cannot continue to ignore the costs of climate change when making decisions about fossil fuel and renewable energy infrastructure such as this one. Increasing the market share, and therefore production of, fracked gas will have a real, detrimental effect on climate change. Climate change is beginning to affect people and nations throughout the world and will continue to worsen if we continue expanding production of, infrastructure for, and supply of fossil fuels.

Given the significant health and climate costs associated with exporting natural gas and the almost complete lack of benefit for everyday Americans, I strongly request that you do not approve the export of liquified natural gas by Pieridae Energy.

Sincerely,
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