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To the U.S. Department of Energy,

I am writing to express the strongest possible objection to the LNG export proposal put forward by Pieridae Energy, under FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG, seeking approval to export natural gas using the M&N pipeline. Our federal government's authorization of such export contracts is not in the public interest for numerous reasons, including the perpetuation of the global community's reliance on fossil fuel energy sources, the weakening of our nation's economy by exposing ourselves to global competition for these resources, and the negative impact to America's credibility as a world leader in the control and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

I am also deeply concerned that the construction of an export terminal to facilitate the delivery of natural gas to Europe or Asia could lead to disruption of that portion of our winter electricity supply that is natural gas fueled, leading to grid reliability problems in the territory served by ISO New England.

We should not lose sight of the fact that the infrastructure that even makes this proposal conceivable is founded on the imposition of federally-mandated, eminent domain land takings from homeowners and private landowners. In the course of this process, our homes, health, and safety, not to mention our constitutional rights, have been deemed acceptable collateral damage in order to execute the business plan of private companies seeking to enrich their investors. To make matters even more egregious, those very same homeowners, citizens of the United States, bear the cost of those export plans through higher electricity rates when prices for domestic natural gas product are subject to competition on the global market. It is well known that natural gas sells for 3 to 4 times as much in foreign markets, driving up the domestic prices here, and exports of natural gas resources lower our supply available for domestic use, weakening the American economy.

There is a critical need to de-carbonize our electricity supply and reduce our nation's reliance on fossil fuels. Recently, our own Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, called public attention to the risk imposed to our national security by climate change and the proliferation of greenhouse gas emissions. While electricity generation via renewable means such as solar, hydro, and wind will be expensive and take time to integrate, it will be nowhere near as expensive as the failure to address climate change.

News of the impending application deadline has come to many of us in just the last 48 hours. I would respectfully request an extension of time so that others with similar concerns may have time to comment and intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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