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To whom it may concern at the DOE;

Please accept these following comments regarding the Pieridae LNG Export Permit application.

I'd like to ask that you consider extending the comment period for the reasons outlined below.

Many elected State and Federal officials have only just found out about this application. They have not had sufficient time to make informed comments or hear from their electoral body as to where they stand on the issue of exporting our American natural gas resources overseas.

This excerpt, from a letter sent to President Barack Obama on May 8, 2014 by many of our Senators concerns me.

"Recently, the Department of Energy approved exports of liquefied natural gas from a sixth export facility.

This means that total approved exports, combined with existing and approved export pipelines, now exceeds the total amount of gas that is currently used in every single American home and commercial business. This level of exports well exceeds the 'high export scenario' referenced by a Department of Energy study in 2012 that indicated prices could increase by up to 54 percent. Price increases of this scale could translate into more than \$60 billion a year in higher energy costs for American consumers and businesses.

Liquefied natural gas shipments to China, India, Japan, South Korea, and other Asian nations account for about 70 percent of the global trade of liquefied natural gas. Based on the contracts U.S. exporters already have in place, Asia would likely be the primary destination of U.S. natural gas exports as well. Natural gas prices in Asia are currently *three to four times higher* than those in the United States. Integration of U.S. and Asian natural gas markets through U.S. exports could lead to further increases in prices for American consumers and businesses, which may fundamentally reverse many of the economic benefits that have led to the current surge in manufacturing job growth in the United States. Large-scale exports of natural gas to Asia could also jeopardize America's goal of achieving energy independence, a goal made more achievable by the recent increase in domestic gas production.

It is imperative, both for American jobs and for 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 to countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement. We ask that you pay close attention to the effects that large-scale natural gas exports could have on businesses, workers, and residential consumers."

In addition to these concerns, I don't believe it is in our national interest for our gas resources be consumed quickly via the export market. Are we considering the needs of future American generations and the resources we'll leave them?

I've been reading the *Independent Statistics and Analysis* report conducted by the *U.S. Energy Information Administration* in October of 2014 entitled "**Effects of Increased Levels of Liquid Natural Gas exports on U.S. Energy Markets**" and the conclusion are that natural gas prices under any of the given scenarios, and their

respected caveats, will increase domestic gas prices when LNG is exported. It also concludes that domestic consumption will increase as well. This is especially concerning to me as it is not a solution to global warming when methane is 86 times a more potent gas over a 20 year span than carbon dioxide and the gas industry alone is responsible for the largest percent (29%) of overall methane emissions.

I am familiar with the FERC process that requires an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to be conducted before pipelines are permitted. And I understand that the DOE has responsibilities to fulfill under NEPA ("the National Environmental Policy Act") in this same way. It seems only fair that this is done well in advance of comment deadlines.

I am a landowner whose property is impacted by a proposed pipeline and compressor station along the NED project. I am gravely concerned about the health and safety issues my family and community will face should this project be realized. I've worked hard all my life to own the only asset I have, my sanctuary I call home. I may be an insignificant factor in the global scheme of energy regulation and policy but I think anyone in my shoes might feel these are significant considerations.

As a citizen concerned with gas prices, American jobs, global warming, our environment and, the resources allocated my grandchildren, I would appreciate this extension in order that our constitutional right of a true democratic process can be exercised.

Thank you for this consideration,

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