

To Whom It May Concern,

We are owners of a family cattle ranch in Days Creek, Oregon which lies in the path of the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline (PCGP). We have been fighting this pipeline since 2006, because of many personal, environmental and economic concerns. At that time PCGP and terminal developers claimed there was a dire need for the pipeline to import abundant foreign gas to fill a lack of natural gas within the United States. Now they claim there is an abundance of natural gas in the states that should instead be offered to a large foreign market. PCGP claims are continually changing to best defend their current market plans, regardless of reality. In addition, they are operating through a limited partnership which would limit their liability should a disaster occur. Furthermore, a Canadian company who wishes to transport its natural gas through the United States for export owns 75% of the Jordon Cove Energy Project, L.P. Why should our land be taken away for the profit of a private, foreign corporation?

- Eminent domain should only be permitted for projects that add to the public good. A pipeline that exports gas out of the United States for the profit of a foreign corporation does not meet the criteria for the use of eminent domain.
- Despite PCGP's claims, it is hard to believe that exporting domestic natural gas will not have a negative effect on the price of natural gas here in the U.S., particularly at a time when increased use of natural gas can help reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- The proposed compensation for our land does not begin to address the loss in property value due to the damage incurred and the ever present danger from the high pressure gas pipeline. In our situation, as in many others, the pipeline would be built in close proximity to our home, within the zone that a blast could reach. The current market value for the pathway of the pipeline would be ridiculously inadequate compensation for the drop in sales value that our property would suffer.
- PCGP treats private land as if it were at their disposal. They planned a route across our property that destroys two of our pastures and crosses Fate Creek right where we have conducted an extensive riparian restoration and instream enhancement for salmon. An additional pasture area has been chosen as a staging area, using our driveway to deliver their pipe and compacting and destroying our pastures with heavy equipment. This damage was hard enough to accept when the pipeline was intended for the good of the country, but it is unacceptable when the only benefit will be to a foreign corporation and 25% to a private U.S. Corporation.
- The proposed destruction of our land will impact the land of other Oregonians as well. In addition, the number of streams and rivers being crossed will have significant adverse effects on our endangered salmon populations. Salmon fishing is of significant economic value to Oregon, as is tourism. For the foreseeable future visitors will see an ugly swath cut through our forests and rivers.

Please consider denying application No. 12-32-LNG for the good of the United States. Please do not permit private companies to profit by the use of eminent domain while destroying Oregonians' land, natural resources, and livelihoods.

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