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Subject: FW: 2012 LNG Export Study
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RE: DOE 2012 NERA LNG Export Study

Dear Department of Energy:

Your NERA LNG Export Study on macroeconomics' did not consider the full impact of proposed LNG Export projects and their associated pipelines, along with the higher energy costs they would create, on many sustainable small American businesses and their employees.

Our cattle ranch is currently in the proposed path of the foreign controlled Jordan Cove LNG Export project's Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. I am just one of hundreds of landowners and rural business owners that will be impacted negatively by this project. I have already provided substantive comments both orally and written to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and explained in detail about the devastation this proposed pipeline would cause to our property and functioning ranch both in the long and short term. This proposed pipeline would greatly impact our ranch and our ability for future expansion. Why should we allow a foreign controlled energy company the right to take our American private property, possibly by eminent domain, along with our forest lands, our water aquifers, our fish bearing streams, and our jobs in sustainable rural businesses? How can exporting LNG be in America's best economic public interest, particularly when the profits from these LNG export terminals will be put in foreign bank accounts? The NERA study NEVER considered these issues in their economic scenarios nor the full impact of higher natural gas prices on small sustainable businesses like mine.

Higher energy cost will mean higher cost for our feed, our fertilizer and a host of other necessary supplies and services that are essential in order for our ranch to function and operate. We also use natural gas to run things on our ranch. We will have to pass on all these higher costs in order to break even and those increases could spell the end of our being able to make it or not. The NERA study never looked at the full impacts of higher natural gas energy costs on Americans. We work from sun up to sun down on this ranch and unlike the gas and oil industry, we don't make large volumes in profit. These increases in costs could mean the ranch is no longer feasible to operate and our employees and myself would then have to find work elsewhere.

Essentially what the Department of Energy will be approving should they make their decision to approve the exportation of LNG based on this NERA study is the exporting of sustainable long term jobs for a few short term jobs that will essentially benefit a foreign energy corporation, not AMERICANS. We fail to understand how this is in the public interest or how even eminent domain can be justified in this case?

For the last 7 years we landowners have been living under the threat of this pipeline and the stress that goes along with it. It has taken its toll but there is no compensation for that nor all the time and expense this has caused us and our families to expose the fallacies of this poorly conceived and thought out LNG Export project. It is just not right. This company has billions of dollars. We don't. Our

voices and concerns should matter even more so than the foreign controlled Jordan Cove / Pacific Connector. The DOE should be looking out for our American interest not theirs.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill Gow

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