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**Subject:** Comment on Allowing Export of LNG from US

To whom it may concern:

I wish to voice my OPPOSITION to allowing export of LNG from the 19 domestic terminals now importing it. Reasons for my opposition follow:

1. The impact on the environment will be at best unknown and at worst highly detrimental. Not enough robust environmental impact studies have been performed given current levels of hydrofracking, let alone the higher hydrofracking that would occur with LNG export.
2. The impact on on local infrastructure will be significant, leading to a shared cost with little to no shared economic benefit, at least here in the state of Pennsylvania. Beneficiaries of the rapid increase in hydrofracking are likely to be only gas companies and their shareholders.
3. Gas prices are likely to rise for the typical homeowner, not go down. Again, this is a shared impact with grossly unequal economic benefit.
4. Rapid development of shale gas exacerbates climate change, as its use leads to increased release of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere.
5. It does not significantly bolster national security as originally promised. Gas companies initially pushed for rapid exploitation of shale plays, in spite of the impact on local infrastructure and quality of life, to help secure our energy future. Export of LNG negates this claim, purely for short-term profit.

Please consider this objections in rendering your decision.

Best regards,

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