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It's just come to my attention that Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd. is applying to the DOE's Office of Fossil Energy for authorization to export domestically produced, liquified natural gas through Canada to non-free trade agreement countries for a 20-year period -- and, that the comment period is about to expire. With so little time, I'll list just two reasons why their application is not in the public interest:

- 1) All over the USA, we're being asked to approve construction of more oil and gas pipelines to enhance national energy security. Yet applications like this one frankly admit that the fuel won't be for domestic use, but for export -- which will in turn drive up prices in the US, as exporting companies will seek more profitable markets elsewhere. That will ultimately lead to scarcity here, as those markets are never satiated. Why would we U.S. citizens be in favor of such a thing? It's clearly not in our interest.
- 2) It's a measurable, undisputed fact that the present concentration of atmospheric CO₂ is around 400 parts per million. The last time there was this much CO₂ overhead, during the Pliocene epoch, three million years ago -- and the time before that: the Miocene, fifteen million years ago -- the world's sea levels averaged 80-100 feet higher than today. As your own headquarters in Washington DC is only 32 feet above sea level, that bodes even worse for you than for most of the rest of us. Soon, the role of your office will be to judiciously apportion the use of fossil fuels so we don't drown ourselves in the process of using them.

The illusion of unlimited new discoveries to be made, unlimited new markets to seduce, and unlimited space in the air and oceans to dump carbon-based fuel's exhaust was fun for a while. Now, not so much. It's getting serious. Especially since the fantasy that natural gas -- which is 86 times more effective at trapping heat as CO₂ -- is our comparatively clean bridge to the future is belied at every leaking pipeline and wellhead.

Please do the right thing here. Thanks.

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