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To: <u>FERGAS</u>

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Larine Moore and Benjamin Nussdorf
Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy,
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Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Nussdorf,

Please DO NOT approve this application, for a whole host of serious problems, including raising domestic prices, and contributing to the current crisis long-term climate chaos.

I also strongly support extending the COMMENT period as many people who are knowledgeable and invested in this whole situation were unaware that this Pieridae Project application even existed.

For the last several months our group has been working to raise awareness of the Spectra Energy pipeline expansion projects and their potential to harm the local environment, increase the long term use of fossil fuels, assess ratepayers for the costs of pipeline construction, and send natural gas overseas instead of using it for domestic purposes. It is clear upon reading the Pieridae application (page 20 & Appendix E) that its export plans would likely depend on the completion of the Kinder Morgan Northeast Energy Direct ("NED") project and/or the alternative plan, the Access Northeast and Atlantic Bridge by Spectra Energy.

Pieridae's application must acknowledge the fact that current pipeline capacity from the Marcellus shale to Goldboro is NOT sufficient for its plan.

I believe that this Pieridae Energy application is the smoking gun that exposes, the "faux-denials" to the people of the NorthEast by many fossil fuel extraction companies, like Spectra Energy and Kinder Morgan, that the AIM and NED pipeline are NOT for lucrative overseas exports. In fact the PR machine has been VERY successful in using the media as tool for the "mantra" that these pipelines are to increase "needed" domestic "reliability," and FOR REDUCING NATUAL GAS PRICES.

In fact, this is so disingenuous because really the opposite will happen:

"But the industry's actual motives have nothing to do with improving America's balance of trade. Potential LNG importers in Japan, India, and China will pay upwards of \$ 15 per million Btus for natural gas, while the American domestic price hovers around \$ 4. The natural gas industry wants to export its product for one reason only: to get a better price. If American users want that same gas, they will have to pay more. LNG exports will drive up the US price of natural gas: it's simple economics, and no one who has seriously looked into the matter claims otherwise. " From: Heinberg, Richard (2013-07-24). Snake Oil: How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils Our Future (p. 102). Post Carbon Institute. Kindle Edition.

At the Open House, Sep. 2014, for the WRLateral spur of the Algonquin Incremental Market Expansion in my local West Roxbury community, I asked the Spectra "outreach" agent if rumors were true that the new pipelines were REALLY destined to carry gas for hungry markets in other countries. The woman (MH) became almost apoplectic in her denials. She became irate and visibly SO upset, repeatedly stating "No!, and that Spectra was an American company working to bring energy to American people. It was actually odd. This application leads me to believe that maybe she was ashamed of her own twisting of reality

Thank you,

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