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I have just learned that a company named, Pierdae Energy Ltd., has just applied to the DOE to export fracked U.S. gas through Maine to an LNG facility in Canada where they will export the fracked gas to non-Free Trade Agreement countries along with FTA countries. Under the Natural Gas Act of 1938 the DOE has jurisdiction over this gas export approval.

This application for exporting frack gas is not in the public interest for the following reasons.

1) The source of this gas will be the Marcellus Shale deposits in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia extracted by hydraulic fracking. The communities in this region are being devastated economically, environmentally and socially by this extreme form of resource extraction. This is not in the public interest.

2) The method by which this natural gas will be transported to the Canadian LNG facilities will be in part via the proposed Williams "Constitution" pipeline from Pennsylvania to Wright NY and then via the proposed Kinder Morgan NED gas pipeline to Dracut, MA. From there the gas would flow to Canada through the existing Maritimes and Northeast gas pipeline. The environmental destruction resulting from pipeline construction and operation of frack gas transmission pipeline infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire would be a direct result of this Pierdae Energy export scheme. Because these communities are opposed to the above mentioned pipeline projects this Pierdae Energy export scheme is not in the public interest.

3) Significant environmental consequences of this export application due to green house gas emissions which would result from drilling, transmission, liquefaction and consumption upon global climate change, independent of the final destination of the exported natural gas, would be a direct effect of this project. This is because fracked gas (methane) is a greenhouse gas 86 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> over a 20 year period. Runaway climate change is not in the public interest.

4) Approval of this export application would be used by Williams, Dominion, Spectra and Kinder Morgan to falsely inflate the need for additional gas pipeline capacity which would help these fossil fuel companies meet the criteria for FERC approval of these proposed pipeline projects. This is not in the public interest.

5) Gas prices in foreign markets fluctuate between 3 and 4 times gas prices in the U.S. If our domestic gas is traded on the world market gas prices here in the U.S. will come in line with those same high prices. High energy costs are not in the public interest.

Because of the above stated reasons I am urging the U.S. Department of Energy to deny this export application.

Furthermore I only learned of this application over the weekend, and I request an extension of time needed for the public to comment and intervene on this important issue.

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