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JORDAN COVE ENERGY PROJECT

Klamath County Fairgrounds
Events Center
3531 South 6th Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603
Thursday, June 27, 2019

The public scoping/comment session, pursuant to notice,
convened at 1 p.m.

1 VERBAL COMMENTS

2 MS. LOWE: Leslie Hartly Lowe. L O W E. I am
3 not qualified to comment on the specific sites of
4 degradation this project is likely to impact, so I will
5 present from a more sociological perspective. We have seen
6 the slick expense of ads for Jordan Cove LNG mailed to our
7 homes. Their hope to put public pressure on your
8 departments, understandable, but not acceptable. We have a
9 Canadian company wanting to use American property to make
10 untold profits from the sale of natural gas to foreign
11 buyers. How can this be in the interests of Oregonians to
12 allow the degradation of our waters and public and private
13 lands so that we get a few jobs from the process for a
14 relatively short period of time?

15 In an age where there is no longer any question
16 about climate change, how dare we risk our waters and public
17 lands to the vagaries of a gas pipeline that extends 229
18 miles across wetlands and waterways, at 485 locations and
19 affects six miles of wetlands. Are the pipeline companies
20 putting aside an enormous amount of money in a bond to
21 manage leaks, fires, erosion from construction of the
22 pipeline, changes in stream turbidity, lowering fish stocks
23 in waterways affected by their pipeline? If not, who will
24 pay these bills? From experience we know it is the
25 taxpayer.

1 According to Wikipedia, which I know is not the
2 best reference, but they have from 1994 through 2013 in the
3 United States alone, 745 serious accidents with gas
4 distribution, causing 278 fatalities and over 1,000
5 injuries, with \$111 million in property damage. In
6 addition, there were 110 serious incidents with gas
7 transmission resulting in 41 fatalities, 195 injuries, and
8 almost \$500 million in property damage. A recent Wall
9 Street Journal review found that there were 1,400 pipeline
10 spills and accidents in the United States from 2010 to 2013.
11 Four in every five pipeline accidents were discovered by
12 local residents, not the companies that own the pipelines.

13 How can we feel safe without the protection of
14 our waterways and public lands with these kinds of
15 statistics? Are we to trust what the pipeline companies
16 tell us? On behalf of those of us who presently live in
17 Oregon and the next 50 plus years of people who will be
18 affected by the decisions you make for this pipeline, please
19 decide in the favor of the people, not in the favor of
20 foreign corporate interests and money.

21 One more thing. I have given you the pages from
22 the Wikipedia, the list of pipeline accidents all around the
23 world. There are many, many countries that have pipelines
24 that have problems, and so I'll give that to you as part of
25 my speech.

1 MR. FOX: My name is Delbert Fox. That's D E L B
2 E R T. Last name, Fox, F O X. I am here in support of the
3 Jordan Cove Liquid Natural Gas Pipeline coming through
4 Klamath County. I'm with the Republicans, I'm the treasurer
5 for the Republican Central Committee. I'm a farmer, in
6 dairy, and I believe that we have hundreds of thousands of
7 miles of pipeline buried in this country already. Most
8 people don't even know they exist and so I am totally in
9 support of this for economic reasons and for environmental
10 reasons. We need to be moving this natural gas over to the
11 countries that are producing coal and burning coal. It's
12 better for the environment as well. Thank you, very much.

13 MS. FARRAR: My name is Linda Farrar. F A R R A
14 R. And I am in support of the Jordan Cove Project, and I
15 just, I like the idea of, it's already been in Portland and
16 Newport, Oregon all these years. It's perfectly safe.
17 Environmentally safe. I like the idea that it's going to
18 produce jobs for our community and other communities and I
19 really like, since I was a teacher, I like the idea that
20 it's also going to support the schools and different -- in
21 our community. That's all.

22 MR. NULL: My name is Hugh Null. H U G H. N U L
23 L. I live north of here, near Chiloquin. I'm opposed to
24 this project, because, number one, I spent almost 30 years
25 in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service protecting natural

1 resources, and this project, to me, is a devastating project
2 potentially. We look at the effects of what we've done
3 already as far as climate change is concerned and the
4 initiation of a project like this does not make sense to me
5 when we're trying to curb global climate change. When we're
6 trying to protect the wildlife species that we have. When
7 we're trying to clean up our water, our air, our soils.

8 With the initiation of this project it's going to
9 be devastating to this whole southern Oregon region. The
10 rivers, the forests, the wildlife creatures and the forests.
11 I was here in 1993 when we had these series of earthquakes
12 on September 20th, 1993 and it was devastating to this
13 region and it caused approximately \$10 million' worth of
14 damage here and killed two people. And to put a pipeline, a
15 36 inch pipeline for 229 miles from this area to the Coast
16 makes absolutely no sense given the fact that we live in an
17 earthquake zone. We are looking at a potential -- and this
18 is something that the scientists, the geologists are saying,
19 is not something that may happen, it's something that will
20 happen. And the Cascadia subduction zone along the Coast
21 and affecting everything west of Interstate 5.

22 And this pipeline is just another problem that we
23 would be facing if this project is completed. Given the
24 potential for devastation in this area, this project makes
25 no sense at all to me. The potential for destruction is

1 enormous. Also, I have a real problem with the taking,
2 proposed taking, or condemnation of private land by a
3 foreign corporation, and this is something that is not
4 right. It shouldn't happen in this country. I don't
5 understand how this can happen; and the 5th Amendment to the
6 Constitution is very clear that it has to be a public use,
7 or public good, to do this kind of thing; and I fail to see
8 where this is a public use and public good in the long run.
9 Short-term, there will be jobs, but these jobs will go away
10 and then we will be stuck in this area with the problems
11 that linger far into the future into the next generation and
12 further on.

13 I thank you for your time.

14 MR. LADD: First name's Daniel. D A N I E L.
15 Last name's Ladd. L A D D. Just, I support it. I've been
16 a resident of Klamath Falls for a year now. I think the
17 revenue would help Klamath Falls; a lot of businesses have
18 shut down. It's just all around good. I don't see anything
19 bad or negative coming with it. You know. I work in
20 transportation. It will take a little work away from me
21 because of the coal; I work for the railroad. I drive
22 trains for a living.

23 But no, I think Klamath Falls needs something
24 like this. My in-laws, they own a small business. They're
25 about ready to shut down because there's no revenue in

1 Klamath Falls anymore. All the locals coming in, that will
2 definitely help out. I'll just keep rambling on, I got
3 nothing else, really.

4 MS. McCULLOUGH: My name is Margo McCullough. M
5 A R G O. M c C U L L O U G H. The reasons I'm here is
6 because I have concern about a Canadian company digging up
7 our forests so that they can ship gas to China. I just
8 don't think it's right. I think the money is going to be
9 temporary, and that's, my big concern is the impact on our
10 environment, and also, I don't think this is where we should
11 be focusing right now. Thank you.

12 MS. STERCHO: Amy Stercho. A M Y. S T E R C H
13 O. Amy Stercho. I strongly oppose the Jordan Cove LNG and
14 Pacific Connector Pipeline Project. CP17-494-000 and CP17-
15 495-000. FERC should not issue an authorization and
16 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. As a
17 business owner and active member of the Klamath Community, I
18 firmly believe that the risks outweigh the potential minimal
19 benefits to our area. The chances of a spill or leak are
20 great. There is a chance of explosion. It's even, it is
21 ridiculously irresponsible to even consider constructing an
22 LNG pipeline in an area that is actively preparing for a
23 potentially catastrophic earthquake.

24 Furthermore, our community is struggling. We are
25 constantly losing active, healthy, and contributing families

1 to areas like Bend and Eugene. Our natural beauty and
2 access to wild spaces is one of the things that draws people
3 here. We should be doing everything possible to increase
4 access and protect our natural environment. Putting in this
5 pipeline will do nothing to contribute to this purpose.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. NIMS: Sharon Nims. My name is Sharon Nims.
8 Last name is N I M as in Mary, S as in Sam. I'm a retired
9 nuclear power engineer. My husband and I are both
10 mechanical. We have worked all over the country at nuclear
11 power plants mostly. I ran crews of plant mechanics and
12 welders. It gives us a unique perspective of how
13 communities can dislike something that they don't
14 understand. So, I try to help and say what's wrong. What
15 don't you like about Jordan Cove? "It will blow up."
16 That's just what they say about nuclear power plants too.
17 But they don't blow up. But you can't seem to get through
18 to them, it's just like hitting your head against a wall.

19 I have used the suggestion that we have
20 explosions and fires at oil refineries where they are
21 refining crude into gasoline, diesel. And yet we don't stop
22 using gasoline and diesel. We don't stop driving cars and
23 trucks, thankfully, I enjoy my car. It's the same thing. I
24 mean, we have airplanes that crash and yet we continue to
25 fly in airplanes.

1 The science behind pipelines has grown so much
2 even since I retired. In talking to some of the engineers,
3 the Pembina engineers and things like that, they are using
4 state-of-the-art equipment. I have no fear. No fear that
5 they're going to interrupt our wildlife, which is a big
6 thing for me. They're not going to effect our water but
7 they're going to bring jobs to the area that this area has
8 needed since the Spotted Owl killed it.

9 It's very necessary to bring tax dollars into
10 Klamath County. Klamath County didn't used to look like
11 this and it didn't used to have drug problems. Now, that's
12 all it has. Its major industry is drugs. We need to
13 salvage this area and by putting a hub in Milan -- look at
14 tiny Milan, how proud they are. They must be thrilled with
15 that.

16 So that's all I have to say. I appreciate the
17 chance. Thank you.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm Ronald Campbell. Spell it
19 out. R O N A L D. C A M P B E L L. I was born and raised
20 in Klamath Falls. I'm a retired plumber, pipefitter. Local
21 290. Local 290 is for the pipeline. I am not. I believe
22 that we should be getting with the program. We're going to
23 solar. We're going to different types of clean energy. Gas
24 and oil is not going to last forever. I have a
25 granddaughter and great-granddaughter. I want them to have

1 a future. And I don't believe that the earth can handle
2 this much longer. And that's why I am against the pipeline.

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4 I know there's a pipeline that's been here in
5 Klamath County. It goes over what used to be my dad's
6 property on Hogsback; it goes to Milan, it's one of the
7 branches. And I still do not believe that we need to go
8 there. That's pretty much it.

9 MS. WESTFALL: It's Carol Westfall. C A R O L.
10 W E S T F A L L. And I am the Mayor for the City of Klamath
11 Falls but I am here on my own representing myself; and I
12 love this city and I realize that we have been economically
13 stuck, and so having this opportunity for Jordan Cove to
14 come in and put in this project would be huge for this
15 community. We're off the -- we are rural, and we need all
16 the help we can get. It would help our college, our
17 university and promote economic growth for this area that
18 we desperately need.

19 We have done the research on Jordan Cove and know
20 that they are also environmentally friendly. And we are a
21 green state, and we realize that using this liquefied gas is
22 better than the coal. So we strongly recommend that, and
23 hope that we can get Jordan Cove to come to this area.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. KEPPEN: My name is Dan Keppen. Spelled D A

1 N. K E P P E N. I moved to Klamath Falls in 2001. I'm a
2 former president of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.
3 I work for an organization that represents farmers and
4 ranchers in the 17 Western States right now. I have
5 previously testified before FERC, two years ago, in support
6 of Jordan Cove and I'd just like to reaffirm my support for
7 the project.

8 It's going to provide a lot of economic benefits
9 for our community. I actually think it's going to help
10 climate change issues because it's going to help Asian
11 countries move from coal-burning power plants to natural gas
12 which is actually going to help things out. I think a lot
13 of the opposition to this project is kind of founded on
14 emotions and trying to create a state of fear. We have a
15 lot of pipelines in place in Oregon already and I don't see
16 all this catastrophic pipe failures that they're talking
17 about. There's not going to be that many streams crossed
18 and the ones that will be crossed will be done in a very
19 environmentally safe way.

20 I totally respect the concerns raised by the
21 Klamath Tribes regarding the cultural impacts and
22 archaeological impacts and my understanding is Jordan Cove
23 is going to have a professional archaeologist on board to
24 make sure that impacts to those sorts of sites are respected
25 and treated in a professional way and in a courteous way.

1 So, again, I'd just like to reaffirm I urge that FERC
2 support this process and I think their EIS looks pretty
3 sound to me.

4 MR. MOUDRY: My name is Chris Moudry. M O U D R
5 Y. I live just outside of Merrill. In fact, the proposed
6 pipeline is going to go within probably a mile of my house.
7 A mile back from my house.

8 I am a supporter of the pipeline. I'm for the
9 economic development that it has. I'm a owner of Basin
10 Fertilizers since 1975 and also a board member of Klamath
11 Community Development Corporation. And one of the biggest
12 problems Klamath County has had is its infrastructure
13 system. All the schools, funded police departments,
14 recreation, number of different things, our political
15 system. And I a am proponent of economic development and
16 one of the issues that we have is an appropriate tax base.

17 I think that this pipeline is going to, from what
18 I've read about it, is going to maybe put \$5 million into
19 the taxes into the county a year, along with other economic
20 developments beyond that. Jobs, especially, in the
21 construction of it, some easement for the landowners,
22 easement money for the landowners. So, I'm a proponent for
23 it. The short-term considerations to me from tearing up the
24 land and redoing it is a short-term problem; within a couple
25 of years, it will be, you won't even know that it's there.

1 I don't think people understand that there's already two big
2 pipelines coming into of Klamath County, and I don't see any
3 problem with having a third one; they don't even know the
4 first two are there. That's basically all I have. I'm a
5 proponent of it because of the reasons I've stated.

6 MR. O'KELLY: Roger O'Kelly. R O G E R. O,
7 apostrophe, capital K, E L L Y. I'm a former refinery
8 electrician and I've made a living fixing engineer's
9 mistakes. I just assume that this project will be a
10 mistake. And the best example is the Alaskan Pipeline. A
11 horrible mistake. And if I was an enemy of this nation, all
12 I would see is a bomb with a 229 mile fuse. That's it.

13 MS. O'NEIL: Cathy. C A T H Y. O'Neil. O,
14 apostrophe, N E I L. As far as I see, as far as my
15 knowledge goes, polluting our water is an act of terrorism.
16 Why are military is not out there stopping these acts of
17 terrorism polluting our water, I am confused. We need to
18 get the military out there to stop these environmental acts
19 of terrorism. I am concerned with the extinction of our
20 planet. We have passed the days of unlimited resources. We
21 have passed the time of saying, it's okay to have 250
22 species become extinct daily. We have passed the time to
23 allow environmental terrorists to remain free. Free to
24 terrorize our people, the animals, the world we call earth.

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1 Action to stop this type of environmental
2 terrorism is at hand today. This is now the time to say no,
3 the desecration of tribal lands will no longer be allowed by
4 environmental terrorists. Where is our military to protect
5 us? Our waterways are in danger. Our forest lands must be
6 preserved, 750 acres of old growth forest, that cannot be
7 allowed. This will never grow again. Again, these are
8 environmental terrorists, our military should be stopping
9 them. The Pacific Crest Trail will be protected from
10 environmental terrorists.

11 We believe in working, living, in our pristine
12 environment is a right of all living things on this planet.
13 You want to frack? Go to Mars and frack, where there is
14 nothing there. Well, I mean, who knows? But you can frack
15 there as far as I'm concerned. Our military needs to
16 protect us now. If anything our waterways, again, that is
17 an act of terrorism. Simple, and that's it. It needs to be
18 stopped. Our military needs to take action. People need to
19 take action.

20 Destroying ancestral tribal land has gone on too
21 long. This was the land of the Indians, and now to destroy
22 what they have left, again, you know, their ancestry
23 graveyards, I'm not sure of the proper word for that. It
24 just needs to be stopped. I can't understand why it
25 continues. Again, these are environmental terrorist acts

1 and they need to be stated plainly and clearly that this is
2 an act of environmental terrorists. Our waterways, as
3 everybody knows needs to be protected. I'm just too upset
4 to talk any more. Thank you for the time.

5 MS. MANNIX: My name is Alicia Mannix. 2510 Link
6 Street, Klamath Falls, 97601. I'm hugely concerned about
7 the most --

8 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry to stop you, could you
9 spell your name?

10 MS. MANNIX: Spell my name? A L I C I A.
11 Mannix. M, as in Mary, A N N I X.

12 I'm very, very appalled at even our region
13 considering this, and the main thing that I also wrote in my
14 notes is this project does not benefit Oregon other than a
15 few jobs, and the jobs will go away. Oregon is known
16 throughout the world as the most beautiful state and
17 beautiful place in the whole world. Our economy depends on
18 tourism in a big way. Not just little ways. A big way.

19 We have every little micro-climate represented.
20 We have people from all over the world coming here to look
21 at the beauty. This project, which is considered a
22 temporary solution to renewables, because gas is a
23 transitional fuel is actually completely false. Many, many
24 pipelines across the country of similar nature have had
25 disastrous environmental effect and leakage into the

1 underground water. What good is this? This does not help
2 Oregon. This hurts Oregon's economy. How can that pass the
3 whole legitimacy test when it is absolutely ruining our
4 environment? Absolutely ruining, will be ruining our
5 economy which is based on tourism, a lot of it. And the
6 safety for drinking water and animals, and Coos Bay is going
7 to be completely shredded to pieces as far as a place to
8 visit a place to go through. This whole plant is known, LNG
9 plant, to explode.

10 I am so appalled I can't - this will benefit
11 China but China is already going in the green direction.
12 So, how can this be justified as something that will help
13 Oregon? And Stephen Hawkings said that what will ruin this
14 earth is nothing big, but greed and stupidity of our people.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. WINTERS: Bradley J. Winters. B R A D L E Y.
17 J for Jefferson. And W I N T E R S, last name. Lakeview,
18 Oregon is my place of residence. I am representing Lake
19 County as Lake County Commissioner, and I live at 20569
20 Thomas Creek Road, Lakeview, Oregon, 97630. And so, I am
21 here today to speak in support of the Jordan Cove Project.
22 It does not come through Lake County. Klamath County and
23 Lake County, as commissioners we're partners and we work
24 together on many things.

25 The positive impact of a natural gas line and

1 this distribution being out of the Malin area here, has so
2 many positives for a community. I believe there's about 12
3 permanent jobs will be right here in Klamath County; and so
4 one job here in Klamath County equals quite a few compared
5 to Multnomah County, for instance. And I can't remember
6 that number off the top of my head, but the impact of 12
7 jobs here is quite a bit, actually. And that's the full-
8 time jobs. The short-time jobs are very important to these
9 rural communities. And to contractors and to the motels, RV
10 places, all those things. Very positive impacts that way to
11 the communities.

12 The taxation. Let's talk about that a little bit
13 and impact for the longevity for these counties that this
14 goes through is huge. Similar to the Ruby Pipeline coming
15 through Lake County and the taxation for our taxing
16 districts, for the general fund, and everything is very
17 positive. And so with that positive, you have services that
18 are better. More services on the ground whether it's fire
19 districts that are impacted, your extension service is
20 impacted, or the general fund. That means more services for
21 the community. That means that sometimes some of the bonds
22 that are in place are paid down faster.

23 All this is positive impact into those
24 communities where that it frees up money and people's own
25 personal money to build and make your community more

1 energetic, more viable, and creates the jobs and so on.
2 Natural gas is safe today. We've had the Ruby Pipeline come
3 through Lake County. It's been there, four, five, six
4 years. Most people don't even pay attention or even realize
5 that it's coming through there. But the people and the tax
6 districts do know whenever it comes to tax time.

7 And what we've seen is for the county itself is
8 the deferred maintenance in these smaller taxing districts
9 that deferred things that they haven't been able to do for
10 years are being able to get done. Hence, then the taxing
11 people are giving the services and the things they need and
12 deserve. So, very positive impact that way. It's
13 environmentally friendly as far as I'm concerned, and
14 whenever you have big corporations and everything come in a
15 lot of times, what I understand here, is that they are very
16 much community players. Is that the time?

17 FERC: Yes. You can have 30 seconds.

18 MR. WINTERS: I just would like to state that the
19 partnership amongst counties, Lake County, Klamath County is
20 exceptional. Very much in support of them. What we need to
21 think this one thing further is this is good for the State
22 of Oregon. And the State of Oregon and the people of the
23 State of Oregon, because it impacts all the way across from
24 here all the way to Coos Bay. The deep port is important
25 for the health and welfare of the State of Oregon, so if we

1 would look past our own backyards, to our State, this is a
2 huge project and important to us. Thank you.

3 MR. SHERRILL: My name is Gregg Sherrill. G R E
4 G G. S H E R R I L L. I'm here to support the pipeline,
5 Jordan Cove. I've lived here in Klamath my whole life, 50
6 years old so I think that the company that's, Pembina if
7 I've done my research, they've been in business for over 60
8 years. They have an impeccable safety record. You don't
9 hear about them in the news, you know, like the Exxon Valdez
10 tanker spill. You don't hear about them in the news for any
11 major catastrophes. Their safety record is pretty stellar.

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13 I think that the pipeline is 200 and whatever
14 miles long, a hundred and, you know, 40, 50 miles of it is
15 private property and then the rest, a small percentage will
16 be state or federal lands. Living in Klamath Falls, we
17 don't have a lot here. We have the air base. We have the
18 hospital. There's not a lot here. We need that revenue,
19 that tax revenue. We need the jobs. We need people. You
20 know, when they're building it, we need, you know, the
21 income, the people to come here to see what we have; and we
22 need the support, you know, of the federal government to
23 help that happen, right?

24 So, I'm just a guy that lives here, you know, I'm
25 concerned about my community, like, I don't want to move

1 anywhere else, but I'm afraid, like, man, I got five kids
2 and grandkids and we need something here. We need some
3 growth here. We need some dollars here. We need something
4 to help stabilize this community, and that's what I think
5 that this will help. I mean it's not the answer but it will
6 help and I think it's important.

7 So that's my comment. I appreciate you guys
8 being here and everything is running pretty smooth and I
9 like it.

10 MR. WALKER: My name is Bill Walker. W A L K E
11 R. I am for the pipeline. First of all, one of the most
12 important parts of it is the \$5.3 million' worth of tax
13 dollars that it's going to give to Klamath Basin. I think
14 that in years and times like we're in now where there isn't
15 enough tax dollars and we worry every year about our police
16 department, our jails, as well as our schools, that dang
17 near 9 percent increase in the base for the Klamath Basin is
18 just super important for my grandchildren and their
19 children and so on so forth down the road. That's what I
20 have to say about the money.

21 The other thing that I think is real important is
22 the amount of coal-fired plants in the world, how many is
23 there now and how many is going to continue to be there
24 without them starting to covert over Asia to natural gas.
25 So, I think that's real important. In 2000, there was 7.2

1 percent of the electricity produced was through non-fossil
2 products such as water and solar and wind and in dang near
3 20 years, today, it's at 7.5. I think 3 tenths of a percent
4 in times when there's, you know, a lot of public publicity
5 wanting to convert that it's so important to know that and I
6 think that we need to change over; only I think it's going
7 to be a slow road to hoe.

8 Another fact that jumps out at me is growth over
9 the next decade will probably grow more; only they're
10 guessing up to 15 percent by 2050. Well, that's still just
11 a minute amount, and if we don't take care of Mother Nature
12 --I'm a farmer by trade, and you know, I feel that you got
13 to take care of the earth for the earth to take care of us,
14 and I think it's a lot better to get rid of the coal-fired
15 electricity makers in the world and replace it with natural
16 gas today.

17 Now, down the road, I think we ought to keep
18 striving to use the best, you know, engineering, and
19 probably in 50 years or probably by 2050, they'll come up
20 with another way of generating clean electricity and energy
21 for our children. Only, I probably won't be here. I thank
22 you all for taking my comments and hope you have a great
23 day.

24 MR. STEVENSON: My name is John Stevenson. It's
25 J O H N. S T E V E N S O N. I am in favor of the project.

1 I think that Jordan Cove had done a good job of working with
2 landowners to ease concerns. Mitigate concerns. I think
3 they've paid fair compensation. I think the pipeline and
4 the terminal can be built safely. I believe that there's
5 very good opportunities for the community from a tax
6 perspective. From a jobs perspective. From a community
7 perspective. I believe Pembina is a company that goes out
8 of its way to be a good neighbor. It contributes to people
9 in its communities. Even when not asked to.

10 One thing I want to say in direct relation to the
11 DEIS, I believe that the proposal to go on the Blue Ridge
12 alternate route is a mistake. I think it impacts more
13 landowners. There's actually more water crossings on the
14 Blue Ridge alternate. I think there are several landowners
15 who have common land on both routes. The landowners on the
16 Blue Ridge route are not opposed to the project but they're
17 opposed to the alternate route. I think if FERC is
18 considering everything involved, I think they need to
19 consider input from those landowners as well as input from
20 the company. And I believe that you are lessening the
21 probability of eminent domain and conflict with landowners
22 if the Blue Ridge route is accepted and the Blue Ridge
23 alternative is taken off the table.

24 Finally, I want to say that I believe that
25 Pembina does a very good job of maintaining safety with its

1 operations and infrastructure. It has a very robust safety
2 management and integrity program. Is very careful in its
3 design plans to horizontally, directionally drill all the
4 major water crossings. And I think it can be done safely.
5 So, I would encourage FERC to approve the project. Adopt
6 the Blue Ridge route, and that's all I've got.

7 MR. TELROY: Jake Pelroy. J A K E. P E L R O Y.
8 My name is Jake Pelroy. I'm from Lane County. I grew up in
9 Oregon. Family lives on ten acres outside of Eugene. They
10 own a small garbage company. I have heard about Jordan Cove
11 for a while. I work for them now and for about two months.
12 I do political work. I really see this on the same pathway
13 economic-wise and political dynamics as a lot of the timber
14 things over the years. You've got the one side that is
15 trying to create jobs and tax revenue and then you have
16 another side that has environmental concerns about what's
17 going on; but I've worked a lot with the natural resources
18 and timber industry and I feel like that is actually very
19 environmentally sound practices, or at least they are now.
20 And working on this project you understand that kind of
21 level of oversight and permitting that goes on for this
22 entire process is immense.

23 And for something to majorly happen, all the
24 layers of government would have to mess up, or the company,
25 or an extreme accident or someone attacking the pipeline. I

1 don't see that as a strong possibility. There's thousands
2 of pipelines in Oregon already. 290, 229 more, I don't feel
3 like it's going to make that much difference. Six thousand
4 construction jobs created. I was in the Marine Corp. I
5 know that there's a lot of military guys that get out of the
6 service and they go into construction jobs, I feel like
7 that's important. A lot of guys need structure after they
8 get out of the military.

9 Integration back into society is really key for
10 military guys, veterans. I found out because I do a lot of
11 work with veterans, post my service in 2010, and there's a
12 lot of guys that just never end up really integrating back
13 into society, and I have a bit of a sadness about that.
14 Especially our Vietnam vets.

15 That's it. I think that's all I have for you.

16 MR. ORMSBEE: My name is George Ormsbee. G E O R
17 G E. O R M S B E E. I am here on behalf of, I'm the
18 President of the Klamath County Chamber Board, and on behalf
19 of the Klamath County Chamber the majority of our members
20 are in support of this project, and I am also in support of
21 this project. I wanted to come on behalf of the Chamber and
22 the majority of our board members are also on board and
23 supportive of this project as well. So, that's what I have
24 to say.

25 MR. DAVIDSON: Donald Davidson. D O N A L D. D

1 A V I D S O N. I would like to speak out against the Jordan
2 Cove Pipeline. And number one. This is to benefit a
3 foreign country, Canada, to transport natural gas through
4 our state and export it to the Orient. One end result will
5 be that my natural gas prices will go up to heat my home,
6 and I object to the fact that a lot of other people who have
7 natural gas for heat are going to have to pay increased
8 prices when perhaps they can't afford to.

9 Number two. The idea of building an export
10 center on the Oregon coast when a tsunami is inevitable,
11 mathematically speaking, an earthquake, tsunami, will occur
12 on our Oregon coastline, and I realize some communities have
13 stuck their head in the sand concerning that, but the
14 numbers don't lie and I feel that this would be a dangerous
15 situation to have an export facility of this magnitude
16 located on the Oregon coast.

17 I also object to the fact that eminent domain
18 will be exercised on property of people who do not want a
19 natural gas pipeline to cross their particular land and, in
20 essence, they won't have much to say about it if this is
21 approved. So, I think it's a negative situation when it
22 comes to Oregon possibly granting an okay to have another
23 country run natural gas through our state to benefit
24 themselves financially; so, I just wanted to say those few
25 main points in terms of my opposition to the Jordan Cove

1 Pipeline.

2 MR. SCHOETZ: My name is Matthew Schoetz. M A T
3 T H E W. S C H O E T Z. I am very much in support of the
4 Jordan Cove Project. Jordan Cove has secured the majority
5 of landowners, of impacted landowners, which is a
6 significant feat. I believe that Jordan Cove can also
7 safely construct and operate the pipeline and facility for
8 all safety concerns. The economic benefits of the project
9 are crucial to our communities to maintain and grow. I also
10 am a firm believer in the Blue Ridge route. It impacts
11 significantly fewer landowners and it's preferred by the
12 landowners and the alternate route does not make sense. So,
13 I believe that the route that should be used is the Blue
14 Ridge route.

15 MR. CULVER: My name is Zack Culver. Z A C K. C
16 U L V E R. I am here today basically in support of the
17 project. I'm a business manager, secretary-treasurer for
18 the Laborers Union. We represent around 3,000 members in
19 the State of Oregon. We're a statewide construction local.
20 A lot of our members are really looking forward to this
21 project. It's an area that doesn't have a lot of jobs for
22 our members historically, and this will bring a lot of good
23 jobs, family wage jobs with the full family benefits and
24 health care, health benefits, so it should be a benefit for
25 the community as well.

1 The project's been committed to being built union
2 with nice compensation for travel for the people coming to
3 work on it. So, the community should benefit from the extra
4 money in the community. It should be creating around 6,000
5 construction jobs at the peak, and the spinoff jobs that
6 will be created as far as hospitality, retail, tourism, and
7 everything should really benefit the community. Also, the
8 increases in the tax revenue annually, we've heard of
9 upwards of \$50 million to the area or to the State of
10 Oregon as well. So, I guess the area, the fire, life, and
11 safety stuff is going to come into play, I think is really
12 going to be a huge benefit, along with hopefully, probably
13 they can get some money for their schools and other public
14 services. So, we are definitely supporting the project.

15 A lot of my members are anticipating the project
16 actually starting this time around. We've been supporting
17 this project for around 15 years, is what I understand and
18 it would be good to see some dirt being moved and this
19 project go forward. I think that's about all I have.

20 MR. HORSLEY: My name is Luther Horsley. L U T H
21 E R. H O R S L E Y. I am local farmer, water user, I've
22 lived here all my life. I think we need to continually keep
23 improving our infrastructure no matter what it may be and
24 that's why I support them building this pipeline. And just
25 from watching all the other pipelines that have been put in,

1 you wouldn't know they were there if you didn't know, hadn't
2 seen the construction. Anyway, I just hope you get it in.

3 And also, I think it would enhance the United
4 States to be able to export energy and play in that market.
5 Especially since we've developed excess energy. And we have
6 all this natural gas. And it breaks your heart to go on a
7 cruise ship and see them burning that natural gas off in the
8 Gulf and stuff. I've only done it once. Seems like a
9 waste so it's good to put it to use. That's all I can think
10 of.

11 MR. MOORE: My name is Robert Moore. I live in
12 Klamath County, Oregon and I'm here for the pipeline
13 hearings under FERC's control. I believe this is going to
14 be a very positive addition to our community and it will
15 benefit all types of people all along the pipeline and as
16 far as the economic benefits to those counties and
17 everybody from Malin, at the compressor station entry to the
18 terminal point at Coos Bay.

19 Economic enhancements will benefit us greatly.
20 We are more of an economic depressed area and we are, can
21 very well use for special districts the taxing enhancements
22 it will help us with; and as well as for the county
23 government because they are hurting for money down here just
24 as well. Providing a number of new high paid permanent
25 jobs, knowing that that's a limited amount, because you

1 don't require a large number for this operation except at
2 the terminal. It will be very beneficial to those
3 communities.

4 The pipeline right-of-way, there's a lot of
5 concerns that I've heard about people worrying about the
6 pipeline blowing up and all these things. Well, the
7 pipeline right-of-way, and the use of the pipeline, the
8 pipeline right-of-way will still be usable for agricultural
9 use, you won't be able to build over the pipeline, you're
10 still going to have to keep anything that's of a
11 construction type away from the right-of-way section. The
12 construction standards will be state-of-the-art for the
13 pipeline in 2020, I guess. Or 21, whenever that will start.

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15 And it will probably have probably a very minimal
16 amount of disruption to the land and the land can recover
17 quite well, as we've seen evidence of the last pipeline
18 that came into our area from Ruby. PG&E has had a line and
19 they call it PGT, I think it's the Canadian line now. It's
20 been in for 50, 60, 70 years, line 400, 401, come down to
21 the east of our area. It's a 42 inch and I think a 36 inch
22 on those, and there is no documentation of any major
23 problems with that during that time period. So, with the
24 new precautions and the types of materials, I believe that
25 this pipeline will be of great benefit and will not be a

1 major hazard.

2 Getting into seismic protection, that's just
3 designed into the installation of these type of pipelines.

4 Pipeline safety. The pipeline has 17 safety
5 valves on the pipeline that shut off automatically in the
6 case of a breach and that will tie any problem to just a
7 small section. There's 17 between Malin and Coos Bay.
8 There's also going to be catalytic protection; that will
9 protect the integrity of the pipeline through electrical
10 activities and things of this nature that degrade the
11 molecular structure of the pipeline and weaken it. The
12 pipeline will have internal analysis, it's required by
13 federal law at least every seven years; the pipeline company
14 says they're probably going to be looking at more like three
15 years to do a pipeline analysis. That's called pigging.
16 And they run a device through the pipeline and study the
17 total interior portion of the pipeline to make sure of its
18 integrity and catch anything in its early stages so repairs
19 can be made. The pipeline imperfections and visual -- it's
20 being able to look at that, during that, it's the purpose of
21 the pigging process.

22 And I am greatly in support of this pipeline. I
23 am involved with this community as a community leader. I
24 serve on three different elected boards and I see benefits
25 for the community, and I strongly encourage FERC to approve

1 the licensing for this pipeline and I think it will benefit
2 our counties as well as Jackson -- Klamath County as well as
3 Jackson and Josephine County.

4 So, I believe I'll terminate my comments at that
5 point. This will be Bob Moore. Today is the 27th of June,
6 2018.

7 MS. MARRIS: My name is Emma Marris. Emma is E M
8 M A. Last name is M A R R I S. Actually I should say my
9 legal name is Emma Roer, but my professional name is Emma
10 Marris. Does it matter? And I'm a citizen of Klamath Falls
11 and I had a couple of comments about the draft environmental
12 impact statement overall. And the main one that concerns me
13 is that the analysis seems to assume that the project area
14 will not change significantly over the life of the project,
15 which is suggested in the DEIS will be 50 years for the
16 active phase. And presumably there would be some sort of
17 shut down phase after that.

18 So, my concern is that given climate change
19 projections, the southern Oregon of 2070 is likely to be
20 significantly different than the southern Oregon of 2020.
21 And that all of this, sort of, pros and cons of the project,
22 all of the safety issues, all of that needs to be examined
23 within the context of Oregon in 2070 at the end of the
24 project life, not just the context of Oregon 2020. So,
25 that's a sort of a macro level complaint, but I think it has

1 ramifications through many, many different sections of the
2 analysis.

3 For example, a lot of the sections about risk of
4 fire due to maintenance or due to operations. Well, that
5 fire risk is going to change as the ecosystem around it
6 dries out and as just temperatures are ambiently warmer.
7 So, same thing with some of the infrastructure that's, the
8 coastal infrastructure does talk about sea level rise there
9 but I notice that it uses an intermediate figure project of
10 sea level rise for 2050 which seems inadequate since the
11 project is supposed to go 20 years after that.

12 So, I would love to see basically, every section
13 of the DEIS reviewed again through the lens of a 2070 or
14 even a 2080 or 2090, because, you know, the 50 year
15 life-span of the project is an estimate for presumably if
16 they're still making money and if the thing is still
17 operating it would go longer. So, that's one major issue.

18 The second thing I wanted to say is that it does
19 not seem consistent with the mission of FERC to claim that
20 climate change impacts from the whole project, right, the
21 impacts from the gas that would be burned eventually in Asia
22 are not analyzable for not relative to the scope. Because
23 if I understand it correctly, the mission of the agency is
24 to look out for the interests of the American public when
25 making regulatory decisions around energy infrastructure,

1 and if I remember correctly, the word 'safe' is even in that
2 mission statement. So, climate change is a completely
3 unsafe thing that threatens the well-being of every
4 American, and so it seems to me well within the sort of,
5 jurisdiction of the agency.

6 And finally, I would just say that as a mother of
7 two small children who live here who will still be alive, I
8 hope, in 2070, 2080, I want to make sure that the decisions
9 that we make today aren't going to make them and their
10 children unhappy and miserable. I feel that this project is
11 extremely short-sighted in that regard. And just not in the
12 public interest. Thanks so much.

13 MS. MOORE: My name is Vicki. V I C K I. Moore.
14 M O O R E. And I live in Klamath County. I am concerned
15 about environmental issues with this corporation coming in.
16 It is, I believe, it's a corporation that Canada owns and
17 that they're going to use and probably lease our lands, or
18 something, but it's going to benefit China, I believe.

19 FERC: Asian markets.

20 MS. MOORE: Asian markets. And I feel that we
21 should keep corporations that's going to benefit the United
22 States in the areas that they're putting in these
23 corporations and the environmental issues. I feel that we
24 shouldn't have this natural gas coming in. I've heard a lot
25 of things about Oklahoma and their fracking and some of the

1 little quakes that they have, so I'm very concerned the
2 residents in that area. And I oppose it coming in.

3 MR. BROWN: My name is Doug Brown. D O U G. B R
4 O W N. I'm speaking in favor of the pipeline. I am a
5 lifelong resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon. I'm very
6 concerned about the direction we're heading. I've had an
7 opportunity to look into what Jordan Cove is doing and I
8 think it's a wonderful opportunity for our community and an
9 opportunity that needs to be pushed through. We've watched
10 other opportunities go to the wayside, and it really bothers
11 me that what is the right opportunity? What is the perfect
12 thing for our community to do?

13 Well, looking at what they are safety-wise and
14 the positive things outweigh the negative things by far.
15 So, again, I'm speaking in favor of the pipeline coming
16 here. I think it can be a wonderful opportunity for our
17 county to be able to take a breath of fresh air and realize
18 that opportunities like this come along very seldom. It's
19 just, again, a very positive thing that I believe in. And
20 for the most part, I can't speak for everybody in Klamath
21 but, you know, kind of talking with friends and family, I
22 think it would be one of the best things that ever happened
23 to this town. And I just don't want to see it go away.

24 And it just seems to me like sometimes the cards
25 are stacked against businesses like this for one reason or

1 another; I don't understand why. Like I said, it would be
2 different if there were any negative or safety issues that I
3 could see that might cause something bad to happen here in
4 our community but I don't see it. So, again, I can't
5 reiterate how much I want this to be part of our community.
6 How I support it. How my friends support it. How my family
7 supports it. How this community is taking it to heart. I
8 see that part of it. And let's just make this happen. All
9 right? At the end of the day this just needs to flipping
10 happen. Because I'm tired of things going to the wayside.

11 And that's about all I've got.

12 MS. HORTON: My name is Pati Horton. That's P A
13 T I. H O R T O N. I am a resident of Klamath County,
14 Oregon and I think that the LNG project would be very
15 beneficial economically, especially to this county. Growing
16 up here, we were the second wealthiest county in the State
17 of Oregon and now we are the second poorest. After the
18 destruction of the timber industry, people moved, the
19 property tax base went away. It's just been a real
20 struggle.

21 So, I personally support this project because of
22 the permanent tax base that it would just put in place for
23 this county, and that's what I'm looking at so I really
24 hope that we can get this done. Liquefied natural gas is a
25 good jump to the next generation of technology and that will

1 get us through, you know, eliminating gasoline cars. Who
2 knows, maybe someone with a way to make liquefied natural
3 gas run cars. I don't know but just, you know, people
4 saying we shouldn't do it because it's going to scar the
5 land I think is just a ridiculous comment. Thanks.

6 MS. EVANS: Deb Evans. D E B. E V A N S. So,
7 I'm here, a couple reasons. One small complaint about
8 Medford and the process over in Medford. We noticed that
9 you set out Coos, Douglas, Klamath in public spaces and in
10 Jackson County it was on a private land and my understanding
11 is at 1 o'clock they closed the parking lot of the motel.
12 Now they may have opened it up later, but just Jackson
13 County is the largest county that is dealing with this
14 project by double the next county and it seemed a poor
15 choice by our standard to have FERC pick that venue when we
16 had asked specifically to have them pick a public venue like
17 this. County fairgrounds in Jackson County would have been
18 perfect. That said.

19 The unequal playing field that exists with the
20 process in 2006 the FERC denied section 7 Certificate of
21 Public Convenience and Necessity without prejudice.
22 Landowners have been subject to one form or another of this
23 project for 14 years, that's 14 years too long. That's
24 first. That's too long. And second, the experience that we
25 have been subject to for these 14 years has been full of

1 prejudice. The company can and does say whatever needed to
2 persuade landowners that this project is safe in their
3 interest and in their interest. If cajoling doesn't work,
4 they use strong-arm tactics or false information hoping to
5 intimidate.

6 We have reported some of this to you over the
7 years. We get a mere shrug from FERC staff saying we know
8 but there's not much we can do about it. Why is that? Just
9 this week Jordan Cove announced to the media that they have
10 82 percent of landowners signed. This is incomplete and
11 inaccurate information. 82 percent of parcels or unique
12 landowners; 82 percent of the route? What criteria are they
13 using for these numbers? There's the preferred route over
14 the Blue Ridge or there's the Blue Ridge variation route.
15 We don't know where they're coming up with their numbers.
16 It was just reported yesterday that those numbers were
17 probably inaccurate, so they've now made corrections on
18 those numbers and this is the kind of information that we've
19 been dealing with with the company for some time now.

20 The public and landowners deserve to know the
21 truth about where this company stands. We act that FERC
22 issue a data request that asks specifically what the total
23 parcels are, what the percent of people who, the percent of
24 parcels that are signed, what the total miles of the project
25 are and the percent of miles signed. What the total acres

1 are and what the percent of the acres signed are. And what
2 the total unique landowners are and the percent of total
3 unique landowners who have signed; and we would like to see
4 this information for the DEIS staff conditioned route which
5 is the Blue Ridge variation route. If you want to do it for
6 both routes that's fine, but we need to know what the
7 criteria is behind what this company is saying and the
8 public deserves to know it and FERC deserves to know it.

9 In closing, I just want to say there's a friend
10 of mine who now has passed away. She was a landowner here
11 in Klamath County. In December, she was approached by the
12 company, her son had passed away a week before. She asked
13 them to leave. She asked not to be bothered but they did
14 not respect that wish. She was distraught when she called
15 me. We stayed in touch, I talked to her in early March.
16 She had just recently lost her license, she's in her 80s and
17 living alone and this is wrong the way the company has
18 treated some of these individuals who are single, who are
19 widowed, who are elderly. We're very upset about it and
20 since then this woman has passed away. I don't know what
21 her family will decide to do, but I can tell you without a
22 doubt that she was very much against this project and did
23 not want it on her property.

24 If I'm not done, there's another family who did
25 sign out of hardship. They had three elderly brothers and

1 one younger sister. The sister was very opposed but her
2 brother, oldest brother is on dialysis and this is in
3 Douglas County, the family did decide to sign as a family.
4 They decided to go ahead and sign. Totally respect that,
5 just want to know, they want FERC to know that unlike what
6 the company spins to the public, this family is not in
7 support of the project. They signed over hardship. After
8 they signed her brother passed away and it has been a
9 nightmare, but she wanted me to say that they are not, she
10 personally, is not supportive of the project and she hopes
11 that it will never be built on their property.

12 So, we just want to counter the information that
13 the company is putting out to FERC, or to the public. I
14 don't know what you hear, read in the public that gets
15 displayed out here in Oregon but either way, that
16 misinformation is very difficult for the public to
17 comprehend and to counter, and it's incredibly frustrating
18 to us who are working with individuals who care deeply about
19 these individuals; and I am a landowner myself. I talk to a
20 lot of landowners, so thank you for listening. Thank you
21 for letting me go over the three minutes.

22 FERC: Do you know the name, of the parcel --?

23 MS. EVANS: Yes, the one I was talking about
24 first?

25 FERC: Yes, please.

1 MS. EVANS: Beulah Reddington.

2 FERC: Beulah Reddington? Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. KERNS: I'm Martin Kerns. K E R N S. So,
4 what do you need to know? You're not asking me questions?

5 FERC: I'm not asking you questions. If there's
6 a comment you would like to make about the project.

7 MR. KERNS: I'm assuming most of the people that
8 are for the project probably have somewhat the same message.
9 In a rural county like Klamath it's good to have something
10 come in to give us more property tax, because money stays up
11 north where all the people are takes a lot of money, so,
12 down here in the lower end it's kind of good to have. And
13 I'm assuming, I can only assume that there's the project
14 comes in that needs some natural gas that sometimes in a
15 year they could probably get gas on the line. I'm not sure,
16 but years ago they said they did.

17 So I'm -- from that standpoint, of course, I like
18 the project. We are impacted from the standpoint that about
19 a mile goes through my property. And they've been at it for
20 years, and we've spoke to people time and time again. We
21 settled with them mostly except it looks like there may be
22 some change on our property that have yet to come.

23 The only impact we would really have is they'd
24 have to come in the spring, or summer when that ground
25 that's being farmed would be impacted and couldn't be used.

1 If they have it early in the spring we could farm it; if it
2 was in the fall, we would have the summer crop, and we could
3 fix it up. So we don't expect a problem that way.

4 They're going under our canal, and we told them
5 how deep we wanted it so, when you clean a canal the last
6 thing you want to do is hit a pipe. So, they said they
7 would do that. So, we're not expecting problems and we
8 can't see environmental problems, at least around us.
9 They're going to take care of what they're doing at the
10 time and if there's leaks on the line I can't imagine they
11 would allow that ever. So that shouldn't happen. So, I'm
12 all for the project.

13 FERC: Thank you for your comment. Do you know
14 what mile post just about where?

15 MR. KERNS: I forget. We're between Keno and
16 Klamath Falls.

17 MS. KERNS: Shirley F Kerns. S H I R L E Y.
18 Initial F. And then Kerns is K E R N S. I'm highly in
19 favor of this project. The economic benefit will be huge.
20 Right now they're proposing taking out one of the dams on
21 the Klamath River that's in Klamath County so we're going to
22 lose that tax dollar if that, in fact, happens. But the
23 economic benefit to Klamath Falls and the surrounding
24 community will be huge. We have farmland and so we have
25 worked with them a little bit on some surveying and

1 whatever. And we have friends that have had pipeline under
2 their farmland and have had no issue. Once it's in place
3 they put the dirt back and then you can farm over it. They
4 have been first rate to work with. Accommodating. And I
5 can't see, they tell us how they're going to go under the
6 river and they're not going to be disturbing the streams,
7 they just, they have a method of doing that so I just think
8 it's a real plus for Klamath County and the other counties
9 and the whole state of Oregon.

10 MS. MEEDS: Leann. L E A N N. Meeds. M E E D
11 S. I support the pipeline. It will bring much needed jobs
12 to Klamath County. I think it's a great idea and I've been
13 reading both sides of the literature about it and see
14 nothing but positives about it, not only in employment but
15 what it's going to do for our State. So I'm really hoping
16 that everyone will be in support and I would encourage all
17 of my state legislators to be in support of the pipeline.

18 That's all I have to say.

19 MS. WILSON: My name is Ashia Wilson. A S H I A.
20 W I L S O N. And I am here as an individual and as a member
21 of the Klamath Tribe's Youth Leadership Council. And I just
22 wanted to make a statement on behalf of myself, my family,
23 and our tribe. I believe that this project threatens our
24 watershed, our forests, our culture, our ancestral
25 homelands, our burial sites, and our future. We have been

1 here since time immemorial. We will not let our home be
2 violated for fossil fuel corporations' short-term profit.
3 The FERC and Governor Brown need to listen to my generation
4 and the tribe's call to stop the project now. There will be
5 many violations to not only our land but also to our tribe,
6 and so I just feel like the negative impacts are a lot more,
7 worse and greater than any positive impacts this project
8 could potentially have.

9 MR. CRETE: My name is Ron Crete. R O N.
10 Capital C R E T E. I live at 1412 Crescent Ave, Klamath
11 Falls.

12 I have been a Wildlife Conservation Biologist for
13 49 years, with 20 years of professional experience in
14 reviewing, writing, and assessing the impacts of
15 environmental projects on the human and wildlife
16 environments. I am opposed to the preferred alternative and
17 recommend commissioners select the no-action alternative and
18 deny commissioning of this natural gas pipeline across
19 southern Oregon and the gas liquefaction plant proposed for
20 Coos Bay.

21 I encourage the FERC to see itself in these times
22 as trustee of the public. The many risky uncertainties of
23 the potential and real adverse effects of these projects
24 should cause us to hesitate to deny such permitting rather
25 than to move forward zealous approval to solve some

1 perceived short-term economic issue or decide whether well-
2 funded private corporations need to cash in on the mining
3 and polluting of the planet we depend on for our existence.

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5 My technical comments on the draft EIS are:

6 First, I believe the scoping of these projects is inadequate
7 given their extent and complexity. In this regard I find
8 the analysis of the cumulative effects of this project to be
9 wanting and likely in violation of the regulations
10 promulgated by the Council of Environmental Quality
11 regarding cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process.
12 I found no discussion about the cumulative effects of the
13 interrelated and interdependent Canadian or United States
14 projects serving as origin of the gas feeding the proposed
15 Oregon-based projects. I found no acceptable analysis of
16 the cumulative adverse effects of these projects on listed
17 species under the Endangered Species Act, on the waters of
18 Oregon in the U.S.A., on the air we breathe, nor on the
19 prime farmland or ecologically important living soil
20 profiles.

21 I found no atmospheric baseline standard for
22 these projects to measure greenhouse gas emissions against.
23 We have already surpassed 350 parts per million standard
24 suggested as a baseline by atmospheric scientists as a
25 target for reversing climate changes now affecting millions

1 of lives worldwide.

2 I believe the FERC is remiss in its sovereign
3 duties by not conducting a programmatic EIS on this fossil
4 fuel projects already approved, in line for approval, or in
5 the planning stages to be approved.

6 Secondly, I am concerned with the clearing of
7 rights-of-way, old growth, late successional forest trees,
8 and their cumulative and onsite impacts to the listed
9 endangered species, the Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet.
10 The secondary impacts of additional old growth clearance in
11 the project area are not plainly explained. Mitigative
12 re-designation of other forest age classes as Northwest
13 Forest Plan reserves does not replace old growth trees in
14 the near future and thus does not benefit the survival or
15 the recovery of adversely affected old growth dependent
16 species.

17 Finally, I oppose the use of public waters to
18 develop and operate these projects. Court cases have cited
19 that private use of public waters must be justified by a
20 tangible public purpose and need. These projects have not
21 provided such justification. Thank you.

22 MS. POWLESS: My name is Willa Powless, that's W
23 I L L A. Last name is Powless, P O W L E S S. I'm an
24 enrolled Klamath tribe member, and I'm also a Klamath tribal
25 council member at large, from the Klamath tribes, and the

1 Klamath tribe has already expressed its opposition to this
2 project, as well as our youth council. And I'm just here to
3 go on the record to state that I do oppose the project. I
4 think a lot of things have not been taken into
5 consideration.

6 As a person who was born and raised in Klamath
7 County, I have seen these kind of projects come through
8 before. One of them most recently was the Ruby pipeline;
9 and they also came through and promised us a lot of money
10 and economic opportunity for our community. And I have
11 friends who got jobs and worked for them, and they did get
12 money; they got jobs temporarily. When the pipeline left,
13 so did the jobs, and so did most of the workers. And this
14 community still stands here, impoverished; it still stands
15 here poor, and that's what these energy developers do; they
16 go find poor communities, promise them money and do what
17 they need to do so they can make more money, and they leave.
18 You don't see these projects in the rich communities, you
19 see it in these poor communities like Klamath Falls and the
20 other communities it's going through.

21 And that's something that is not talked about, is
22 what happens after the pipelines go through. And there is a
23 lot of things that come with a lot of money, increases the
24 drugs and alcohol usage in a town that already suffers from
25 drug addiction and alcohol addiction. And you can see it;

1 as you walk around the county, you can see people who are
2 intoxicated and high on drugs, walking around. You see the
3 boarded-up businesses and run down homes because there's no
4 money in this town.

5 And this company, they're not even an American
6 company; they're from a foreign country, and they can come
7 here and throw money around and get what they want. And we,
8 as a tribal government, we stand here, we're a sovereign
9 nation, we have to ask permission just to exist. We have to
10 ask permission just to be federally recognized; we have to
11 ask permission to be acknowledged as being American Indian.
12 And it's not fair that our own people who are original
13 Americans have to ask this, but a foreign company can come
14 here and do whatever they want to our community and to the
15 residents of this community. And it's scary that the greed
16 is just being allowed to continue. And I oppose this
17 project.

18 MR. JOHNSON: I'm James Johnson, J O H N S O N.
19 First name is James, J A M E S.

20 So I think this is a good thing for Klamath
21 County and every county is goes through, because all it does
22 is promote business and employment, and provides tax
23 dollars for the community. I don't understand why people
24 would even try to fight it.

25 I see that you've had numerous businesses before

1 and all the ins-and-outs and everything, and you haven't
2 taken nobody's land from them, for one thing. All you do is
3 request a right-of-way in case of an emergency situation
4 after the pipeline is in; it's lands you leave in bare
5 condition and they're done anyway.

6 So that's pretty much all I've got to say. I
7 think some people are afraid of work, because this younger
8 generation doesn't want to work, as far as I can tell.

9 DR. COOPER: My name is Siobhan Katherine Cooper;
10 S I O B H A N, Katherine K A T H E R I N E, Cooper C O O P E
11 R.

12 I'm here making a statement against the liquid
13 gas pipeline that's proposed to go through Oregon. I have
14 studied a lot of what happens in different environments
15 after the gas pipeline goes in; I'm also a local physician
16 in the community, and as a family doctor I'm extremely
17 concerned about the community's health and welfare. I think
18 that placing a pipeline through our forest is going to take
19 away from the natural beauty and the pristine forest that we
20 have in Southern Oregon.

21 I'm also concerned about the use of chemicals
22 that are used in having the pipeline go underneath streams
23 and underneath roads. I studied medical school in
24 Arkansas, which has a lot of fracking going on, and there
25 were quite a few health hazards and concerns while I was

1 there concening the fracking fluid, and I am adamantly
2 against placing a pipeline through Southern Oregon.

3 I have my two young girls with me here today who
4 enjoy the forest and enjoy the health environment that we
5 have, and are concerned about our health and welfare. And
6 my oldest wanted me to express her love of the forest, and
7 that she would like to keep our Southern Oregon forest clean
8 and healthy.

9 MISS COOPER: I love my mama.

10 MR. HICKS: My name is Emmitt Hicks, E M M I T T.
11 H I C K S. And I live in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

12 I'm concerned with any impact to the Winema
13 National Forest, which is home base to my tribe, the Klamath
14 tribe, the Klamath, Monarch, and Peyete people. And
15 specifically I'm concerned about destruction to burial
16 grounds, cultural sites, waterways and lands, where lands
17 seized by the tribes that were guaranteed under treaties
18 signed by the government requiring these lands and resources
19 to be protected and maintained for our people and future
20 generations.

21 The risks are too high to trust a private company
22 to abide by laws and policies, let alone our government to
23 honor treaties they signed, especially when now we have a
24 president and an administration that is wreaking havoc on
25 environmental policy and law, rolling it back to the '40s

1 and '50s, let alone trying to undermine tribal sovereignty
2 at every chance they get.

3 The numerous jobs this foreign entity is
4 promising through their commercial campaigns are only
5 temporary jobs, and that the workers, once the job is
6 completed, will travel to a different location; so the jobs
7 are not permanent; the economic impact is only temporary.
8 And not to mention other negative impacts, negative human
9 impacts to communities through drugs, alcohol, sexual
10 assault; also straining the budgets of law enforcement and
11 social services program.

12 Thank you.

13 MS. WILSON: My name is Sheann Wilson, and it's
14 spelled S H E A N N, W I L S O N. And I live at 1836 Wiard
15 Street -- that's W I A R D Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

16 I'm concerned about the high risk to Southern
17 Oregon and more specifically to Klamath County. I'm worried
18 about the hundreds of waterways and tributaries, especially
19 the smaller ones that feed into the larger ones. In my line
20 of work, we understand how the change in water temperature
21 impacts so many things.

22 I'm concerned about the damage to tribal cultural
23 resources that are so sacred to the Klamaths as well as the
24 surrounding tribes. At some point, good stewardship of the
25 land needs to matter. I'm concerned about the animals who

1 have no voice in this, who will be impacted negatively.
2 It's shameful how we're okay with this. I mean, these
3 animals, my goodness.

4 I'm concerned about the land and the land owners
5 who don't agree to quote, unquote "take the money".
6 Landowners rights must be respected. This eminent domain
7 talk is crazy to me. The land can't take more pollution,
8 and it's a risk with this pipeline.

9 I'm concerned with the greed of Jordan Cove
10 accelerating climate change, causing even more harm to my
11 beloved native home; I was born and raised here, and so it
12 matters to me greatly. After seeing the heavy media blitz
13 and the walk-back of the misinformation in commercials just
14 in the recent day or so, I have little faith that Pembina
15 will uphold their end of any agreement. I don't believe
16 that they have the land or water's best interest in mind,
17 throwing money -- and temporary money at that, at a poor
18 community is wrong.

19 So please, please, please keep Oregon safe from
20 the many threats this project proposes. The end.

21 MS. ROSENBLUTH: So my name is Allie Rosenbluth
22 and I'm commenting as an individual right now. A L L I E.
23 R O S E N B L U T H.

24 I strongly believe that the Federal Energy
25 Regulatory Commission should deny this project, the Jordan

1 Cove LNG export project and Pacific Connector Pipeline.
2 there is no public need for this project. Instead of need,
3 there is destruction in its path of our communities, of our
4 water, of our land, of our climate, and our future
5 generations,

6 Pembina has not produced public contracts to sell
7 the gas. They have not even told anybody where they are
8 going to buy this gas, whether it's going to be Canadian,
9 Colorado, Wyoming. They are stringing along our communities
10 for over a decade now, and it's been an endless pour of
11 energy for folks to stop this project, to continue fighting
12 for their properties, for their water, for their tribal
13 territories, and for the climate.

14 There is so much pain that I have seen -- I doubt
15 that will go in the FERC docket. God, there is so much pain
16 that I have seen in our communities regarding this project;
17 it has torn families apart because of stress on landowners,
18 because of stress on Native folk, because of stress on young
19 people who I talk to every day about climate, who have lost
20 so much hope because of the expansion of fossil fuels that
21 the president is trying to push on our communities, without
22 our consent.

23 Southern Oregon has made it pretty clear, you
24 know, stream after stream after stream. People from these
25 communities have been joining up to ask you to stop this

1 project, to ask you to deny this permit. If government and
2 agencies are supposed to be looking out what's best for the
3 people who are most impacted by this project, which I'm not
4 sure is really what they do anymore, then this project
5 should be denied again.

6 FERC should do the same thing that it did in
7 2016. I remember that day really well; actually it was my
8 first day ever volunteering on the pipeline campaign, to
9 stop it. And we were driving to Klamath County to tell
10 folks about the air quality impacts of the Malin compressor
11 station and the safety hazards of the Malin compressor
12 station, and we got a call that FERC had denied this
13 project.

14 I was new to the community at that point, but I
15 saw what I saw, where people, there was such relief and such
16 shock and such joy and such celebration, because they didn't
17 think it was possible, they didn't think it was possible for
18 an agency to look at them and look at, like how things had
19 worked to stop it, and how many people had come out time and
20 time and time again to ask them to stop it, and actually
21 listen; and it was beautiful and it was exciting and it was
22 what you all need to do again.

23 There's no public need for this project. The
24 DEIS says that the environmental impacts of the project can
25 be mitigated. That is not true. There is no way to

1 mitigate the mass amount of impacts, the 95-foot clear-cut
2 through Marbled Murrelet and Spotted Owl territory; the
3 rising of temperatures of our rivers, the frack-outs that
4 may occur; the potential of an explosive, hazardous
5 facility.

6 You are putting 16,000, probably more residents
7 in Coos Bay at risk of not just a tsunami but an explosive
8 LNG terminal. When the earthquake that we're all waiting
9 for happens. And that -- like, it's just ridiculous. And
10 FERC needs to deny this project, again.

11 FERC has not done a full lifecycle analysis of
12 the climate impacts of this project; and I think it's
13 critical that at a time where we, according to the world's
14 best scientists, have only a decade to do anything before
15 our children see the irreversible impacts of climate change;
16 that would not look at the full life-cycles in a draft
17 environmental impact statement of a gas project? Gas is not
18 a bridge fuel, gas is terrible for the climate, gas will
19 continue to pollute our climate more than CO2, in a quicker
20 time period, and we are setting ourselves and our children
21 up for disaster.

22 And if FERC permits this project, you are part of
23 that. FERC is a part of opening exports of fracked gas from
24 the West Coast. That's a responsibility that lies in your
25 hands. We do not need to export gas; we need to export

1 things like solar and wind that don't put our communities
2 against each other and don't destroy hundreds and hundreds
3 of miles of land.

4 These last few years, living in Southern Oregon,
5 there's no way not to notice the wildfire impact from the
6 incredible quickness that wildfire starts. Construction of
7 this project, the threat that construction would start a
8 wildfire, there's the threat of a fracked gas fueled
9 wildfire; and those are my friends, those firefighters that
10 would have to go out there and try to figure out how to deal
11 with that. Those are my friends, and those are folks in my
12 community. And my community that's breathing the smoke and
13 all the toxins that come with it when this happens. And of
14 course with climate change, our forests are becoming hotter
15 and drier, more susceptible to mega-fires; and of course
16 with fighting fires the way that we do, suppressing them the
17 way that we do, fires have become so much more likely to
18 happen; and putting an explosive gas pipeline in the middle
19 of that is irresponsible.

20 Again, if FERC permits this project, that is
21 something that you are doing, you are putting onto this
22 community. So there's a lot more to talk about, and I could
23 probably go on for an hour, probably more. But the State of
24 Oregon has made it pretty clear in the recent 401 Clean
25 Water Act denial that this project will likely degrade

1 Oregon's waterways, and they denied that permit. And I
2 strongly suggest that FERC follows their own history, and
3 continues to deny this project. And I can promise that the
4 people of Southern Oregon will continue -- they've already
5 done it for 15 years -- will continue to fight to stop this
6 project, no matter what you all do.

7 So deny this permit, deny Jordan Cove, and let's
8 be done with it, right?

9 [Pause]

10 [Whereupon at 7:23 p.m., the verbal comment
11 session concluded.]

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1 REPORTER: MERON TESFAYE

2 MS. BALL: My name is Natalie Ball, B-a-l-l;
3 first name is N-a-t-a-l-i-e. I'm a Klamath Tribal citizen.
4 Live locally here. I'm a mother of three and I came because
5 I oppose the LNG Pipeline. I have a daughter who has a
6 chronic illness and how we manage her health is through
7 clean water and we access our springs and our rivers, our
8 clean water to maintain our health, so I feel like this
9 project is going to threaten her health and how we manage
10 her health. So, I am here as a mom to oppose it.

11 But also, I'm an artist too. I just graduated
12 from Yale and studio practice is here in Chiloquin, Oregon
13 and I get my inspiration and my materials from our land.
14 And this project is going to affect my materials and my
15 career as an artist as well. We also hunt and fish on this
16 land base and with those 500 waterways or almost 500
17 waterways that are going to be affected by this pipeline
18 it's a huge threat to our livelihood, our culture, and my
19 motherhood.

20 MR. BRANDSNESS: Hi, my name is Einay
21 Brandsness, E-i-n-a-y; Brandsness, B-r-a-n-d-s-n-e-s-s. I'm
22 here as an ex-foster father and a Republican.

23 First, I am for the project because it's going
24 to offer young people internships to help with this and many
25 of my foster children could not get jobs because they were

1 only with me for like six months and then they turned 18 and
2 they had no job training.

3 Second, I feel as though it's a good thing for
4 our community here in Klamath Falls and I'm hoping that this
5 project can help nonprofit organizations because there's one
6 organization here in Klamath Falls, it's the Kiger Stadium.
7 It's the last wooden stadium in the United States and they
8 need financial help. And these are my comments at this
9 time.

10 MR. FARRA: Scott Farra, F-a-r-r-a, S-c-o-t-t.
11 I'm a landowner, but not on the pipeline.

12 I'm for the pipeline. There's a lot of benefits
13 to it, a lot of jobs. I think the environment's going to
14 work very well with it. I don't think we'll have any
15 problems with the pipeline. I like the idea of shipping it
16 to Asia. If we're talking about environmental quality, then
17 Asia needs the help and I think they should be able to get
18 natural gas to get rid of the coal and that'll help the
19 environment also.

20 We need the funds in Klamath Falls and Oregon
21 for our schools and all our county and state, so I think
22 this is actually a wonderful project and lots of jobs, make
23 us more energy independent and be able to help the rest of
24 the world even with it.

1 MR. SHAW: My name is Randy and I use my middle
2 initial, "L," Shaw and that's spelled R-a-n-d-y, middle
3 initial "L," Shaw is S-h-a-w.

4 First, I want to thank FERC for taking the time
5 to allow us to give some testimony. And I'm here in support
6 of the Jordan Cove Project and I really want to just touch
7 on two things.

8 Our county lost its timber industry some 25 or
9 so years ago and we got quite a bit of tax revenues off of
10 those timber receipts from the timber that was cut in our
11 county and that money was used to fund our schools and fund
12 our law enforcement and that was a big hit for us in this
13 community. And this Jordan Cove Project has an opportunity
14 to provide revenue back to the county that will help with
15 our law enforcement and our education and some of the other
16 civic departments that we have here.

17 The second reason I'm for that is because I'm
18 not a climate denier. I do believe there is climate change
19 taking place and I believe we are responsible to do
20 something to help with that situation. And I believe the
21 Jordan Cove Project will be instrumental in helping with
22 that because my understanding is that most of this natural
23 gas is being sold to Japan and Japan currently its main
24 source of power production is coal-fired power plants and
25 we need to take those offline. And this project will be

1 part of, I think, what will be a transitioning period in the
2 world where we go away from fossil fuels and to other
3 natural resource-based energy producers.

4 And it's not like we can make that change
5 immediately. It will crush economies of many of the
6 countries that were getting involved in something like that.
7 So, we need a period of time where we can transition from
8 where we are now to a better source of energy and I think
9 that this project is one of the legs many -- one of the many
10 legs of a table that will help us get to that location.

11 MR. MATHIS: My name is Ron Mathis, R-o-n
12 M-a-t-h-i-s, and I'm here in support of the Jordan Cove
13 Project. I think that Pembina has shown very good
14 statistics as far as the impacts, as far as what it'll do to
15 the land and water and everything. I feel that it's all
16 been very well mitigated and I also feel that the people
17 that are going to be working on the project are some of the
18 most skilled craftsmen in the world. I'm actually
19 affiliated with an apprenticeship program myself. I'm a
20 business agent for Local 36 and we'll have members that are
21 working there, but I have visited personally all of the
22 facilities for training throughout the State of Oregon,
23 whether it be plumbers, fitters, or electricians, or
24 ironworkers.

1 I know that their programs are top notch and
2 some of the best in the world, so I have no concerns about
3 the safety and impact of the environment. And I wish that
4 FERC will grant the permit. Thank you very much.

5 MR. ECCLES: My name is Ralph Eccles,
6 E-c-c-l-e-s, R-a-l-p-h, and I own land inside the City of
7 Klamath Falls, so near, but not on the pipeline.

8 So, I am actually by training an academic
9 scientist and have looked very carefully at the global
10 warming issue and the climate change, which is a real
11 concern to me. But when I look more closely at using LNG, I
12 suddenly realized that in the short term, the next 15 to 30
13 years natural gas is going to be the best solution to
14 decrease CO2 production.

15 And by approving the Jordan Cove Project, all of
16 Japan's coal-fired plants will be turned into electric-fired
17 -- gas-fired. That will cut their CO2 production 20 fold.
18 Hopefully, we can do the same thing for Malaysia and India,
19 eventually.

20 So, from an environmental standpoint, the Jordan
21 Cove Project makes excellent sense. It will decrease the
22 amount of CO2. And so far, it seems like natural gas,
23 unlike oil, has been safely transported all over the United
24 States and Canada without really very much release
25 whatsoever, so releasing methane directly into the

1 atmosphere is of concern of some people. I don't see that
2 as a real problem with this project. I see this as a major
3 decrease in CO2 production, so it's good for the
4 environment.

5 MS. WARREN: My name is Carol, C-a-r-o-l;
6 Warren, W-a-r-r-e-n. I am not land affected in any way, but
7 I feel this is going to be very, very good for southern
8 Oregon. Not only environmentally, but financially for the
9 state and taxes and jobs. Jobs, jobs, jobs, they're so
10 important. And I'm so happy to hear that some of it is
11 going to Japan, which a terrible air pollution with their
12 dirty coal they have. And I think that this going to be a
13 very good thing.

14 I've heard numerous people talk about it, how
15 deep it, so forth and so on, and I trust that the company is
16 going to do everything to the absolute perfection they're
17 capable of.

18 MS. FRANKLIN: My name is Sherly Franklin.
19 That's S-h-e-r-y-l; Franklin, F-r-a-n-k-l-i-n. I'm a
20 landowner in Klamath Falls, but not along the pipeline.

21 I am a retired civil engineer and I had managed
22 FERC licensing projects in the past and I have been involved
23 in a lot of supervising environmental impact statements and
24 that sort of thing. So, from my perspective, I think I'm

1 coming into this with a little bit of a technical background
2 knowledge and I am strongly supportive of the pipeline.

3 I think that the environmental impacts have been
4 mitigated successful -- will be mitigated successfully. In
5 the impact statement they have been identified. I think
6 that the pipeline technology is well accepted. Safety is
7 well accepted. I don't know. I'm positive about the
8 project and I believe strongly in the environmental impacts.
9 That is why I became an engineer in the first place was to
10 reduce some of the poorer decisions that had been made in
11 generations previous and I'm very positive about this. So,
12 thank you all for doing this. I know you have to, but it's
13 always good to hear from people that are impacted positively
14 or negatively. And I appreciate the opportunity and just
15 want to reiterate I'm positive about this project.

16 MS. MATTHEWS: My name is Julie Matthews,
17 J-u-l-i-e M-a-t-t-h-e-w-s. I'm not an affected landowner.

18 I support Jordan Cove Project coming to Klamath
19 County and to Oregon because I think it is in the best
20 interest of the public because it will create and deliver
21 clean burning natural gas to coal-dependent customers in
22 Asia. Oregon will get fifty million annually in state
23 corporate taxes. It also creates 6,000 direct jobs during
24 the peak construction, plus the creation of 8,500 spin off
25 jobs.

1 It also will increase the Klamath County tax
2 base by \$5.3 million. And I believe that the safety track
3 record for Pembina speaks positively for itself and it's
4 designed to withstand a 9.0 magnitude earthquake. Klamath
5 needs to diversify its economic base and clean energy is a
6 great fit.

7 The injection of 10 billion dollars into Oregon
8 should be welcomed by our citizens and anyone who wants to
9 see increased economic development. Rural Oregon is open
10 for business and that's why I support it.

11 MS. SHOCKEY: I am Diane, D-i-a-n-e; Eastman,
12 E-a-s-t-m-a-n; Shockey, S-h-o-c-k-e-y.

13 The last time FERC took comments I and others
14 observed that this is an undemocratic process. FERC is not
15 allowing an open discussion with community members, as has
16 been historically the process in the past.

17 I believe people having -- having people
18 transcribe -- being transcribed is meant to intimidate
19 citizens so they won't attend or comment publicly. I would
20 like to know who, specifically, developed this obstacle to
21 what was a democratic process.

22 My first question after my opening statement is
23 is why FERC would now allow a foreign company selling to
24 other foreign companies using imminent domain for a land
25 grab of U.S. citizens when FERC found there is no benefit

1 that outweighed the harm to Oregonians with their first
2 ruling. What changed?

3 My big concern is that southern Oregon is
4 fighting over water now. My own sister went bankrupt as a
5 farmer when they cut off the water the first time and the
6 bank then wouldn't loan a lot of farmers' money. How can
7 FERC -- if they give their blessing to this, they need to --
8 I'm losing my process here.

9 They need to find out -- I'm sorry. I'm getting
10 all mixed up here. FERC must not allow a foreign government
11 to take our precious water to enrich themselves, the people
12 who are having this project.

13 Southern Oregonians have been terrorized by
14 increasingly devastating forest fires and the future holds
15 that many more fires will come to our stressed forests.
16 This pipeline would allow thousands of workers out into a
17 forest at the time, summer, where one spark could lead to a
18 devastation of whole communities, such as the Paradise and
19 Carr fires. No bond could ever cover the incalculable
20 economic devastation and worse yet, human loss of life.
21 Oregonian would be left with nothing and I don't think any
22 bond that they would propose could cover any of the
23 economic damage.

24 A not so new concern is why FERC is even
25 considering letting this foreign country build a pipeline

1 that is not needed. There are many economic studies that
2 conclude that Asia will not need U.S. gas. There are 26
3 other countries that deliver natural gas cheaper than the
4 U.S. So, why is FERC still considering the pipeline, which
5 will not even be competitive with other U.S. pipelines that
6 are coming online?

7 I understand the Trump Administration is trying
8 to force China to purchase more natural gas. I've read that
9 where only 12 percent of the gas is coming from American
10 companies. If FERC is going to weigh the harm to our
11 communities against perhaps the false notion that a foreign
12 company will reap most of the profits and how can that help
13 leverage a trade war argument?

14 Finally, I ask FERC not to rubber stamp this
15 project and actually re-read its mission statement that for
16 our benefit, U.S. citizens, not a foreign company, or a
17 bargaining chip in a trade war. And I would like to submit
18 an attachment. Thank you.

19 MR. SHELTON: Patrick, P-a-t-r-i-c-k; McMahon,
20 M-c-M-a-h-o-n. I would like to see the pipeline go through.
21 That's what this is about, isn't it. I thought Ron Widen
22 (ph) and Jeff Merkley (ph) were going to be here; are they
23 not.

24 MALE SPEAKER: This is your own comment, sir.
25 This is your comment.

1 MR. SHELTON: Okay, I would like the pipeline to
2 go through.

3 MR. HANNER: John Hanner, H-a-n-n-e-r; J-o-h-n,
4 first name. I'm a representative for Liuna, Labor's Local
5 737. I do believe that this pipeline will be good for
6 Oregon's economy. I also believe that there's major
7 economic advantages for the four counties that this directly
8 impacts.

9 I also am a firm believer in the safety aspects
10 of how this job will be performed and also its impact on the
11 environment. And I think that's it.

12 MR. POOLE: Richard A. Poole, P-o-o-l-e --
13 Richard A. and it's P-o-o-l-e.

14 Okay, I worked for Pacific Gas Transmission and
15 then they sold to Northwest Natural for 30 years. I retired
16 from them. I went to work for them in I think '68 and you
17 know I hear all these reports that environmental damage and
18 everything and in 30 years I never saw it. And I worked
19 from the -- off and on -- my district was from Highway 58,
20 just on the north side, to the California border.

21 But I worked from Kings Gate, Canada to 30 miles
22 south into California at some time or other. But I never
23 saw the environmental negative impact. The only thing that
24 I did run into one time was that we had trouble with a
25 creek, and this was many, many years ago. I went there and

1 realigned the creek and when they come in with the 42-inch I
2 was involved with the environmentalists on that side as a
3 backhoe operator where they had me do all the test digs.

4 And the only thing I saw I did the one dig there
5 when they come across and they said, hey, the streams over
6 here. Now, it's over here. And I said, well, I can tell
7 you why. 'Cause it kept washing out and would expose the
8 pipe there in that pumping soil, so I said I just moved it
9 over as a straight line across and I said that was the end
10 of that. But I don't know of any -- in my 30 years, the
11 only thing I knew of is when they put the 42 in that the
12 original installation the welder made a bad weld and it had
13 a leak and that's the only thing I knew of that happened in
14 my stretch of work.

15 I support it. Yeah, because I don't know. Like
16 I did see the one article the lady wrote in the paper about
17 polluting the water if the pipeline breaks and she didn't
18 realize it's gas, so the gas goes up. It don't go down the
19 stream. So, I don't know. But I just thought I'd come down
20 and put my two cents in, in support. So, that's it. I
21 can't think of nothing else. Okay, thank you.

22 MR. CHOCKTOOT: My name is Perry Chocktoot,
23 P-e-r-r-y C-h-o-c-k-t-o-o-t, and I'm the Director for the
24 Culture and Heritage Department for the Klamath Tribes of

1 Oregon. I reside at 436 Chiloquin Avenue, Chiloquin, Oregon
2 9764.

3 My comment today in regard to the Pacific
4 Connector Pipeline is that the pipeline adversely affects
5 our environment, our aquatic environment, our animals being
6 able to migrate, our game species that use the migration to
7 fly on because we are on the Pacific flyway. Migrating
8 geese this is the largest numbers of migrating eagles in the
9 lower 48 come from right here, these landmarks to travel and
10 this is a giant landmark that it may change their migration
11 patterns, which means they could be in the middle of the
12 United States instead of out here.

13 You're going to have to bear with me because
14 what I'm about to let you know it's kind of offensive, but I
15 have to say it. The Ruby Pipeline man camps were very
16 detrimental to our environment, given that Lake County had
17 produced more DUIs, more rape cases, more missing person
18 cases than anywhere in the western United States because of
19 the Ruby Pipeline Project.

20 The man camps were hugely detrimental with an
21 average of three men being removed a week. And so therefore
22 it's not going to help us environmentally or socially. It's
23 actually going to be a dredge on our environment.

24 As well as being the largest producer of
25 greenhouse gases in the State of Oregon with it surpassing

1 the Boardman Coal Plant. It's very frustrating with the
2 current adversarial position; the Republican Party has taken
3 against the Democratic Party on stopping and capping carbon
4 emissions in the State of Oregon with the walkout -- the
5 latest walkout.

6 We are stewards of the Earth. Being Native
7 America folks from here are stewards of the Earth. Were
8 they plan to drop this pipeline off the edge of Clover Creek
9 Road and then go in a northerly fashion to the next bridge,
10 which is on the other side of the old Weyerhaeuser Plant
11 they're going to dig up the bodies of our People in ancient
12 village sites and we know that for a fact.

13 I worked for 17 years for Weyerhaeuser and every
14 year a farmer would bring in a box of human bones and ask
15 what'd you want me to do with them. They would send a
16 representative from the Klamath Tribes. His name so Gordon
17 Bettles (ph) and Gordon Bettles would go down and get the
18 bones and repatriate them. Well, that was almost a yearly
19 thing. So, what's going to happen when we intentionally put
20 this trench from where it turns on the Weyerhaeuser at 100
21 line and goes in a northerly fashion towards the bridge and
22 it goes underneath the Klamath River? You're going to
23 unearth literally hundreds of bodies.

24 And the reason why is this is where the villages
25 of our People were and where we would fish, would have these

1 huge encampments because prior to 1971 the salmon and
2 steelhead and sea-run cut throats and all these anadromous
3 fish would come up the Klamath River and our People living
4 there would utilize where they lived to harvest these fish.
5 That's where we ate. It would feed people of the lake. We
6 eat the fish from the water.

7 And so when they put the dam in 1971 and stopped
8 fish passage and us, of course, being put on a reservation
9 farther north, it removed us from our old village sites, but
10 the village sites are there, so when you dig you unearth
11 them. And agriculture will not impact this because
12 agriculture only goes on an average between two, at the very
13 deepest, three feet. The evidence of our people are in
14 excess of the Musoma layer, which in some cases are 14-feet
15 deep here in Klamath County. The Musoma layer is an ash
16 layer blown out there 7,000 years ago by Mount Musoma and
17 so, our People are beneath that.

18 So, three feet you're not even coming nowhere
19 near the evidence of our ancient village sites, our ancient
20 Peoples, but when you put a trencher out there and you go
21 nine feet deep you are. You're right in the middle of them
22 and so you're going to unearth some of the most sacred stuff
23 we've got.

24 And one point, it's a very important point to
25 understand, for us there is no messing with the dead. We

1 just don't do it. If we inadvertently find a dead person,
2 we do ceremony and we get them back in the ground. We don't
3 pull them out and play with them. We don't intentionally
4 dig them up and that's exactly what this is going to do.

5 I have notified the Pacific Connector since
6 they'd come and asked me, originally, like in 2006 I believe
7 it was or '08. It's been so long ago. From the very
8 beginning, I told them you can't go that way. You can't go
9 that way. And the whole time it's landed on deaf ears and
10 today, to this day, we repeat our concerns with this. It
11 just isn't going to work without digging our People up.
12 It's going to be so emotional. You've got to understand
13 that there are Tribes in the West willing to come to the aid
14 of our People and it's to get our point across for somebody
15 to hear you're going to dig us up. You're going to dig us
16 up.

17 Thousands of years ago we never had a concept of
18 headstones or a cemetery gate or a fence. We buried where
19 people died. We buried where we had ceremony. That's how
20 we bury people. That's our culture. You know it just
21 doesn't make sense to allow a company from Canada to come
22 and make money on us and destroy our environment and dig our
23 People up to sell a resource to Asian markets. It just
24 makes no sense.

1 I guess one of the really important things --
2 and I've been telling FERC this -- this is the third time
3 around, I believe, that it isn't worth the money. The money
4 does not serve as something to pacify your religious life or
5 to help you understand what to do with the people that
6 you're going to dig up. If they use trenchers out there,
7 it's a white dust spit out behind it. That's how our
8 skeletons look. That's how it happens. It's just
9 shameful, shameful.

10 That was my three minutes? Well, I appreciate
11 the time. It's just hard to constantly tell a company, no,
12 and then say, well, rather than bring it in let's send it
13 out. And then we have a market, so it gets denied. You
14 know it's just very, very frustrating. You know even when
15 we -- we teach our children we're not here -- you know we
16 have wolves out here. We have mountain lions out here.
17 When we teach our children to hunt and to go out and be
18 traditional practitioners there's certain things that we
19 teach them there's no movement from.

20 You see animals like that -- predator animals
21 you face them. You don't turn away from them. You don't
22 run. You walk very slowly. You seek numbers and people.
23 Those are guidelines to live by when there's danger. Now,
24 we're in possibly the path of a giant serpent that all he
25 brings is danger and we have nobody to tell. Be careful.

1 Watch out because these are the effects of this giant
2 serpent. What'd you do? How do you go about it?

3 You know we've continued time after time to do
4 the best we can through comments made through our attorneys,
5 comments made through our Tribal Chairman, myself. I set on
6 Tribal Council until about a month ago and then my plate
7 isn't full of stuff falling off it. And so, I retain my
8 directorship. I'm still the director and so I feel
9 compelled to come here and defend us again. I'm hoping
10 that this doesn't drag on until I'm able to get social
11 security 'cause when I started on it I was a young man and
12 I'm getting older. It's getting grey, you know, and our
13 position as a Tribe has never changed.

14 We have to defend for the things that don't have
15 a voice -- the fish and the birds and the burials of our
16 People. Those things have no voice and we've got to say
17 something. We just haven't stopped. I'm hoping with the
18 new additions the FERC committee that we aren't going to be
19 motivated by a political agenda. It should be motivated by
20 the wants and needs of the Oregonians, which I believe if
21 you look in every county that's being interviewed
22 unanimously this cannot be supported.

23 They went along and greased the palms of people.
24 I understand that they're making promises of money to Tribal
25 members, \$5,000 to support the project. It's just not worth

1 what's going to happen. They use bentonite slurry to dig
2 these holes that go underneath to do the tunneling. And
3 this bentonite slurry is like a river mud, a white river
4 mud. When this bentonite slurry gets out the water anything
5 with gills it dies. So, all your fish -- if was to leak
6 ever anything will a gill in the Klamath River is going to
7 die.

8 Can we take that chance with already endangered
9 species? The Coho they're endangered. The lost river
10 sucker they're already endangered. We can't take that risk.
11 I can't believe that we have stopped taking the position of
12 protection for our People and the Earth that we live on. If
13 you keep messing around, pretty soon she's going to mess
14 with you.

15 I can go on all day. I appreciate the time
16 you've given me today, though. All I ever want is protect
17 us here. No energy created in the State of Oregon is
18 utilized by the State of Oregon. The electricity created on
19 the Bonneville Power Plant -- gets on the Bonneville grid
20 goes to California. Ourselves we have a Klamath cogent
21 plant which produces electricity. If you look at the grid,
22 it comes out and does a horseshoe and goes to California.
23 Nothing in Oregon is utilized by Oregon. Our electricity
24 comes from the coal mines and coal fields of Colorado and
25 Wyoming, so we depend on other states.

1 And we're one of the most beautiful states in
2 the entire North American continent. It just amazes me,
3 always for someone else. It's time for Oregon to stand up
4 for Oregon. I don't know if you guys come from Oregon, but
5 I do, long time. I come from an old, old Indian family
6 (inaudible), named after my two great grandparents, treaty
7 signers of 1864 Treaty.

8 My grandpa was a policeman. My grandpa was a
9 policeman. Doctors -- Indian doctors and medical doctors,
10 so we've done our part and I think they're telling me I have
11 to do my part, at least while I can. We've got to hurry up.
12 I'm getting older quick. Thank you.

13 MS. HOWES: My name is Franny Howes, F-r-a-n-n-y
14 H-o-w-e-s, and I'm not a landowner of any kind, not even on
15 the pipeline; but I do live here.

16 So, I moved across the country to take a job
17 here in Klamath Falls in 2014 and I had a lot of options.
18 There's many places I could've gone. I could've gone to
19 Atlanta. I could've gone to Portland. But I chose to come
20 here because of the pristine natural environment. It's very
21 important to me, the waterways, the lands, the birds -- I'm
22 a lifetime bird watcher ^^^^ drew me here and they made me
23 want to settle down and make a life here, and the proposed
24 Jordan Cove Pipeline puts all of that at risk.

1 I'm not convinced by the work that Pembina or
2 Jordan Cove has done to say they're going to take care of
3 the lands and waterways in the way of the pipeline that
4 they're building. I'm particularly concerned about the
5 dredging -- building it underneath rivers, dredging and then
6 dealing with the sediment. I'm worried about migratory
7 birds and how that's going to affect them, going straight
8 through the forested areas, all of this. And I'm not
9 convinced that the work that they have said they've done
10 will remediate that in a meaningful way.

11 I'm also concerned about the sovereignty of
12 indigenous Nations whose land this pipeline goes under. I
13 don't think that that has been adequately taken into
14 consideration and I stand with indigenous people, the
15 Klamath Tribes in particular who are opposing the building
16 of the pipeline.

17 In conclusion, I do not think that the labor
18 benefits of the pipeline outweigh the long-term
19 environmental impact problems and I think that that's a very
20 short-sighted argument and I would like the Federal Energy
21 Regulatory Commission to consider the long-term
22 environmental impact of this pipeline in their review
23 process period.

24 MS. PINNIGER: Jean Pinniger, J-e-a-n
25 P-i-n-n-i-g-e-r. I fully support the Jordan Cove Pipeline

1 Project for the following reasons. The economic impact for
2 Klamath County is enormous, 5.3 million annual taxes, many
3 new jobs, plus the dollars spin off for restaurants, motels,
4 and various services.

5 Jordan Cove will also contribute 2.8 million to
6 our public schools, plus 230,000 annually to KCC, who is
7 planning to build a workforce center that will create 1800
8 certified plumbers, electricians, carpenters, welders, truck
9 drivers, and fire suppression workers over the next 10
10 years. KCC's trade center is the key to the future economic
11 stability of Klamath County.

12 To me, it is far safer to transport natural gas,
13 which is non-liquid, underground than by rail or highway.
14 How lucky we are to have a proven company like Pembina to
15 build a pipeline in our county and truly care about our
16 future.

17 MR. EBERLEIN: I'm Neal Eberlein. It's N-e-a-l
18 E-b-e-r-l-e-i-n, and I am in favor of the project. I think
19 it will be good for the environment. I think it will be
20 replacing coal with natural gas, which is much cleaner for
21 the environment.

22 Locally, I am not concerned with environmental
23 damage. I've seen several pipelines built in Oregon that
24 have had no problem. I've been here for years and the
25 technology for crossing rivers and doing the construction is

1 much improved since the original pipeline, so I think it
2 will be good for the environment. I think it will be good
3 for our economy, the jobs that will be created, both in
4 construction and long-term and also the tax that it will
5 bring in for our county will be much needed. Thank you.

6 MS. STITTON: So, my name is Jennifer Sitton,
7 S-i-t-t-o-n; first name is J-e-n-n-i-f-e-r, and I live in
8 Lake Oswego, Oregon. And I am a seventh generation
9 Oregonian and I love this state. I love this place. I've
10 lived here my whole life. I have watched as a lot of the
11 small timber towns in some of the smaller rural communities
12 in Oregon have lost big chunks of their economy and I've
13 seen the devastating impact that that loss of revenue has
14 had on many of these smaller communities that I'm very
15 familiar with.

16 I previously worked for a congressman who
17 represents this district and I've seen the impact that that
18 has had on those communities -- the loss of revenue, the
19 loss of economic benefits. And I really support this
20 project because I believe that it will improve the
21 environment, the economy in some of these smaller
22 communities that really, really need it. This project has
23 the ability to offset a huge chunk of global greenhouse
24 gases for the State of Oregon by offsetting coal in Asia and

1 that's a really, really important thing for decreasing
2 global greenhouse gas and so I think that's important.

3 In addition, for Jackson County, it's going to
4 bring in 5.3 million dollars in permanent tax revenue each
5 year, as well as money for community colleges, for
6 libraries, for public safety, fire, and hospitals and bring
7 a lot of jobs to southern Oregon.

8 MR. TUPPER: Okay, Rayson Tupper, R-a-y-s-o-n;
9 Tupper, T-u-p-p-e-r. I think this is about the 30th year
10 I've been in front of FERC to protest the pipeline. And the
11 people I feel are interested because this same pipeline
12 comes from Canada to down here to Oregon and over to the
13 Coast. I thought why didn't they just take it in Canada,
14 but its politics. And not too long ago there was 92 dams
15 built in Canada and they were built without the knowledge
16 and they don't have any consent to the people. And they
17 called ticking time bombs and they built 92 of them up there
18 in Canada and they don't have any thought for people.

19 I guess the dams are built by other countries
20 and so I want to protest that, but I want to protest this
21 dam here -- this Jordan Cove because of the place it goes
22 through is our water, wildlife, and I've been to two other
23 meetings and there was people protesting it and one was over
24 here at the college couple months ago. The other one was
25 down in (inaudible) was a sellout down there protesting this

1 dam or this pipeline and we're here again and -- but I'm
2 here again too to protest this, but I think that's probably
3 -- I just think that it's going to be a detriment to the
4 county. The county says it brings in jobs, temporary,
5 couple hundred jobs maybe for a month or two and then
6 they'll give the job -- permanent jobs to the people from
7 Canada. They'll bring somebody down from up there or the
8 County Commissioners I look at it as being nepotism. One of
9 their family will get a permanent job, so anyway I protest
10 this.

11 Also, I look at other pipelines that have
12 ruptured. They're not fixing them. Down in Texas they
13 don't go and fix it. They just go out and put a stake with
14 a ribbon tied to it and there's over 15,000 -- no, 150,000
15 pipeline miles down there. They're all in the Gulf of
16 Mexico and the last one they built bust, so anyway, I'd like
17 to say I protest this pipeline and it's not going to be any
18 big thing for the economy because I used to work for a
19 pipeline and that was about it.

20 MR. YORK: Peter York, P-e-t-e-r Y-o-r-k. And
21 I would like to say that I am here in support of the
22 pipeline. There's several reasons for that. One, not only
23 within Klamath, but within Coos County and Lake County,
24 these are still recessed economies, even in Oregon where

1 it's one of the strongest economies on the West Coast and
2 even in the U.S., but that's on the west side.

3 On our side, on the east side and the southeast
4 part of Oregon, we're still recovering from years of a loss
5 of timber sales and bringing in a natural resource back into
6 our community -- into our communities is good for Oregon and
7 it's good for us. The full-time jobs is a really good push
8 for our small town and the small towns and communities that
9 we have.

10 Number two, which, to me, I think this is the
11 biggest thing is that we're actually being able to export a
12 natural resource to countries that have not been very good
13 at burning some of their natural resources -- their coals;
14 especially, in China, are a dirty-burning fuel. If we can
15 actually export a fuel to China, environmentally, I think
16 it's a plus for that region.

17 I know that there's been an issue, if you
18 remember back in the Olympics when they were in Beijing,
19 they had to stop all of the vehicles in Beijing like two
20 weeks before just to get the haze away because they burn --
21 their fuels there aren't nearly as good or higher quality
22 than we are. So, environmentally, it's sound to be able to
23 send the fuels overseas. And with that we're actually
24 exporting fuels as opposed to the OPEC nations, so I think

1 that's good for the nation's economy. So, I am in support
2 of the pipeline going through into Coos Bay.

3 MR. NOVAK: I'm John Novak and the last name is
4 N-o-v-a-k, 1873 Euclid Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601.
5 And I guess I want to preface it by I've lived in this
6 community for years and years. I've been a real supporter
7 of the community. I'm past president of the Chamber of
8 Commerce and the Rotary Club and most organizations in town.
9 And all the years I've worked hard for economic development
10 and to make Klamath a better community.

11 One thing is really hard everything I get
12 involved in gets shot down. We've worked on the Pelican
13 Butte and the environmental came in and we fought a battle.
14 We fought a terrible battle, but we finally one and then it
15 was closed down the last days of the Clinton Administration
16 for a road-less area. But anyway, I think this is a
17 wonderful opportunity for Klamath County and for all of
18 southern Oregon.

19 We used to receive considerable amount of monies
20 from the timber funds, OC&E funds, and because the majority
21 of Klamath County is owned by the federal government and of
22 course there's no tax monies derived from that, so we're
23 pretty dependent on timber and they've done away with that.
24 And this is a wonderful opportunity to supplement our

1 budgets, which have been really severely cut in the last so
2 many years.

3 Our schools have suffered, our infrastructure,
4 the fire department, and so on and so forth. So, I think
5 this would be a wonderful way to bring some extra income in.

6 I love my community. That's why I've worked so
7 hard. I live here. I raised my kids here and I hope
8 someday they can come back. I do not want to see anything
9 that's going to harm it. I was around -- it was about 1961
10 when they built the last pipeline that went up through
11 Oregon and it did have an impact environmentally for just a
12 short time, but it grew back and today you can't even tell
13 where there is anything. There's never been a problem.

14 Our country, our county, and our city
15 criss-cross with pipelines and I think with the new
16 engineering technology and everything it's safe or it would
17 not be approved. So, I think this is really important. I
18 think this new company that's doing this, Pembina -- of
19 course, I read ads and I read the newspaper and they've done
20 a good job. But also let's met out what is happening. And
21 I think that the 82 percent of the property owners that have
22 agreed to sell to them I think that says an awful lot.

23 I think that means that the majority of property
24 owners are in favor of this. And of course, they want --
25 they're looking for safety too. So, I think the whole thing

1 I think it would be good for us. I think it would be good
2 for our country. I think it would be good for world,
3 environmentally, because it is -- there's parts of the world
4 that don't have the natural gas and it's a lot cleaner than
5 some of the fuels they're burning to create electricity.

6 So, therefore, I'm strongly in favor of it and I
7 hope they give it serious consideration and look favorably
8 on the project. There's so many points here, but that's the
9 main thing. And I think the economic benefits can be
10 tremendous for us. Thank you very much.

11 MR. KAWKA: So, good afternoon. My name is
12 Michal Kawka, M-i-c-h-a-l K-a-w-k-a. I'm a resident of
13 Klamath Falls. I have been in Oregon for more than 10 years
14 and I strongly oppose this project. I urge the Commission
15 and all the Commissioners to look at the broad ramifications
16 of building a pipeline that would cross multiple waterways
17 that are indigenous to these communities or connected to
18 indigenous cultures of these communities, multiple
19 communities, multiple Tribes, but also people migrated here
20 and have settled -- white settlers or other ethnic groups.

21 Those waterways like Umpqua River, Rogue River,
22 and many other waterways are critical to the well being of
23 this region. Oregon prides itself for the quality of life
24 and that is very closely tied to the state of nature of our
25 region. I do not believe that the project would be

1 conducted in a way that would fully protect those areas. I
2 think there is a high risk of leaks, damage to the
3 infrastructure; especially, in the earthquake-prone areas
4 and if something like that happens the damage could be
5 irreparable in terms of ecology and the environment and
6 therefore the lives of this community and the region would
7 be negatively impacted. So, that's like one big reason I
8 would oppose that.

9 Second is it economically doesn't make sense to
10 us at all. So, we are looking at a Canadian corporation
11 that is going to take U.S. natural resource, ship this to a
12 port, and then export this to China. I understand that the
13 shareholders of the corporation may be getting rich, but I
14 don't see this impact in any fair or meaningful way of
15 people who will be directly impacted by the production and
16 movement of the natural gas. So, that's that.

17 And then, third, as a nation, we need to take
18 urgent steps to address climate change. We are one of the
19 biggest emitters in the world of CO2 into the atmosphere.
20 And as you know, natural gas extracted through fracking is a
21 big contributor. That industry is a big contributor to that
22 pollutant in the atmosphere.

23 I am a father. My son is five years old and I
24 know that when I'm not longer here on this planet he's still
25 need to be dealing with the consequences of climate change

1 and I urge my government, you representatives, to look at
2 the climate science consensus across the world and draw
3 conclusions about this project from that perspective as
4 well. So, thank you so much.

5 MS. HUTCHINSON: Madeline Hutchinson,
6 M-a-d-e-l-i-n-e H-u-t-c-h-i-n-s-o-n. So, I' m just going
7 to read what I have written down because I want to make sure
8 that I get everything in there what I need to get in there.

9 But I'm not here to debate anything because we
10 know from our heart what's important and true. What I'm
11 here is for my children and their children and the future.
12 It would be a slap in the face to my ancestors if I didn't
13 come and fight for what our bloodline fought for.

14 I say no to the pipeline. I say yes to my
15 family, children and their children and future. Also, my
16 uncle, Leon Hutchinson, fought in the Vietnam and I have
17 many other family members that have fought for this country.
18 I would and it would be a dishonor to our country, our
19 county, and our community if I didn't come and support the
20 no on pipeline. And this is all of it. There's no basic
21 little sections or not. This is throughout the Klamath.
22 This is my native land and we're thriving and I just
23 believe that we don't need no more of that stuff around.

24 Things already been taken -- taken -- excuse me
25 -- and it's enough now. So, I say no. That's it.

1 MS. JOHANSEN: My name is Brittany Johansen,
2 B-r-i-t-t-a-n-y; Johansen, J-o-h-a-n-s-e-n. I've been a
3 resident in Klamath County for four years now. I'm a mother
4 and I'm studying Environmental Science at Oregon Tech and
5 I'm here to strongly oppose the pipeline in my community.

6 I believe that it is not a step forward in our
7 responsibility as protectors of the environment. I want my
8 daughter to grow up in a clean and progressive society that
9 uses renewable energies and is thinking consciously for the
10 entire planet. Jordan Cove is not as informed as I would
11 expect them to be on carbon emissions and their role in
12 affecting the natural gas prices for the United States and I
13 feel like they should be more ethically responsive to those
14 issues. And that's it. Thank you.

15 MR. ENRIGHT-LUFT: My name is Michael,
16 M-i-c-h-a-e-l; Enright, E-n-r-i-g-h-t; Luft, L-u-f-t. I
17 think it's more or less -- it needs to be done. It's a
18 positive thing. It's positive for Klamath County. I think
19 the ecological extremists are definitely way out of line on
20 this. We have pipeline coming across Oregon in a number of
21 places. There has never been a failure, as far as I know.

22 As far as it damaging our rivers and everything,
23 I'm a former commercial fisherman, I worked in high-level
24 fisheries politics; thus, I went to the University of
25 Washington on my spare time and took courses in fish

1 management and I can see nowhere where this is going to
2 really affect our fisheries in this state. I am positive on
3 this. I think this is a very good move, this pipeline to
4 bring some funding or taxes or whatever into Klamath
5 County. And I think I can basically say that's it.

6 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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1 REPORTER: MICHAEL WILLIAMS

2 MS. DENNING: My name is Marsha Denning,
3 M-a-r-s-h-a D-e-n-n-i-n-g. I am very much against the
4 pipeline. It is a natural gas pipeline. We have a lot of
5 natural gas here. I am against it for the exporting of the
6 seashore, but most of all the pipelines go underground. We
7 know that there is big earthquakes coming. We have a range
8 full of volcanoes. The Earth is constantly shifting.

9 There is natural gas explosions all over the
10 United States and in other countries that have natural gas
11 at this time. The Earth is shifting. It doesn't matter how
12 deep you put that pipeline. Where does the earthquake come
13 from? It comes from the depths. It is not safe. It will
14 go through the rivers. It will start fire. It will bust.
15 It will not hold up. This whole state will go on fire. Our
16 rivers will be polluted and most people will be killed if
17 you put in a pipeline and there is a tremendous earthquake
18 off the shore, which is expected at any time. Thank you.

19 MS. WOLFE: I'm Mazie Fern Wolfe, M-a-z-i-e;
20 Wolf, W-o-l-f-e. I'm a resident of Klamath Falls and I
21 firmly support the Jordan Cove Project. I think it's very
22 environmentally safe. I think probably the underground
23 system is so much safer for a utility.

24 A number of years ago in 1993 we had a rather
25 strong earthquake here in Klamath Falls and to my knowledge

1 there was not any problem with the natural gas lines that we
2 all have to our houses. So, I think that the comments about
3 it being unsafe I think they're unfounded.

4 I think for employment it's a wonderful thing
5 for Klamath Falls because we are a depressed area and
6 economically, oh, my goodness, the money in taxes and
7 support and also training young people into some kind of a
8 professional, whatever it may be, the learning process I
9 think it'll be very good for them and perhaps they can use
10 that to go onto another job that would perhaps keep them off
11 the welfare rolls or whatever.

12 You've probably heard all this before, but I
13 firmly believe in the project and I think it's great for our
14 county and our state and most of all, I think it's great for
15 the County of Klamath. Thank you.

16 MR. REIFEL: My name is Pete Reifel,
17 R-e-i-f-e-l. I'm semi-retired, local Klamath Falls resident
18 since '68. And I asked myself if I had anything important
19 to say to a meeting like that and I thought, you know, you
20 do have something important to say.

21 I've been working for over 50 years. Started
22 out at OTI up here, got a technical background. Learned how
23 to adjust a crescent wrench and swing a hammer and went to
24 work. And over a 50-year period, I have accumulated enough
25 money to retire on, not through any pension plan, my own

1 plan. I own two houses, two of them are rentals. I
2 maintain the house I have and I own them all free and clear.

3 The reason that happened is because of
4 opportunities. I'm a heavy equipment mechanic. I have been
5 two Trinidad. I've been to Haiti. I've been on my way
6 through Chili. I've been all through Canada. I've been all
7 through the U.S. because of my abilities to use these
8 fingers, which I haven't lost any of them of, thank
9 goodness, because back in the fifties we were more likely
10 to use some of these.

11 Those things have changed. Technology has
12 changed considerably. It is much safer on these jobs. They
13 are much more technically refined to the point where it's
14 amazing. When I compare -- I retired from the Slope. When
15 I compare the technology that puts in pipelines daily on the
16 Slope to the technology that existed back in the fifties
17 that people are objecting to, get with the times people.
18 The technology is here to do a good job with this stuff.

19 This whole thing just baffles me completely. We
20 shut down logging on federal forests in our area and
21 crippled our economy because we didn't like trees coming
22 down. Guess where the trees are coming down, the Rain
23 Forest. Go down to Home Depot -- I'm not saying anything
24 bad against Home Depot. Look at where that stuff's coming
25 from. It's coming from the Rain Forest.

1 I don't want to see the same mistake happen with
2 this project. This gas that is going out is 50, 60 percent
3 cleaner than the fuel it is going to replace. There is no
4 safer way to move energy from Point A to Point B than in a
5 pipeline, underground. We've proven that with thousands and
6 thousands of miles of pipeline. I rely on federal people.
7 I rely on state people and I rely on county people to make
8 sure that they meet their contract obligations.

9 If the technology is correct, if they're meeting
10 those obligations, why are we standing in the way of helping
11 the environment? I cannot understand it. I spent the last
12 four years on the Slope developing a system so they could
13 shut down those diesel engines in the severe cold. They
14 didn't have to leave them running 24 hours a day. I
15 replaced four gallons of fuel with one-quarter gallon of
16 fuel, but it was sulfur diesel.

17 Does it make sense for me not to do that because
18 I'm still using the diesel -- a carbon product? That makes
19 absolutely no sense at all. Some of the groups here
20 would've told me don't do that. We're getting off of that
21 fuel, that terrible stuff. I wish we could flip a switch
22 and turn it all off and immediately go to environmentally
23 sound wind power, solar power. Wind power and solar power
24 assures we need other energy sources.

1 We need to develop all that. We need to develop
2 this energy storage facility that they're already trying to
3 stop right outside of town. The Know Everything group has
4 got to back away and realize the unintended consequences of
5 what they're doing are costing us in the U.S. and hurting
6 others in the world. We all are in the same envelope.
7 We're all breathing the same air. I don't care if it's in
8 Chili. I watched them burn tires at night to keep
9 themselves warm and to provide light. We have an
10 opportunity to help countries like that and we're not going
11 to take that opportunity when all that's going to result
12 after this thing is buried and covered over is a green
13 covering over the top of it. It doesn't make sense to me.

14 Anyway, after as many years as I've been in the
15 workforce and watched technology do what it's done, we
16 cannot keep turning our backs on that technology. It's
17 there. It works. It's been proven. Let's get going.
18 Thank you.

19 MR. SAMSTEN: My name is Barry Samsten,
20 B-a-r-r-y; Samsten, S-a-m-s-t-e-n. It should be the policy
21 of the United States of America to minimize and ultimately
22 eliminate the use of fossil fuels. As such, the FERC should
23 not approve this application.

24 More importantly, Pembina, the proponent of this
25 project, has engaged in deceptive, misleading and in some

1 cases outright disinformation with regard to the project and
2 its benefits. The most egregious example of this is the
3 claim that while, technically true, natural gas is not a
4 liquid and it cannot spill, which is true. However, should
5 the pipeline rupture the gas will simply vaporize and
6 explode.

7 You only need to look to what happened in the
8 City of San Bruno. I urge the Federal Energy Regulatory
9 Commission to disapprove this application for a license for
10 the Jordan Cove Project. Thank you.

11 MS. BILL: My name's January Bell, J-a-n-u-a-r-y
12 B-i-l-l. I am a Klamath Falls resident and I'm a
13 co-director of a nonprofit called (inaudible), so I'm
14 representing both today. And I'm asking the Federal Energy
15 Regulatory Commission to deny the certificate of need for
16 the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas and Pacific Connector
17 Pipeline Project.

18 I've been an oil wildlife responder for over 15
19 years and I see firsthand the pain and suffering that
20 results from pipeline leakages, and they always leak, and
21 when they do they cause catastrophic damage to wildlife, the
22 environment, and the people who live in the area.

23 This project is not in the public's best
24 interest and there's no public need. Fracked gas is an
25 archaic source of energy and our government should be moving

1 away from fossil fuel use, so please deny the authorization
2 and certificate for this project. Thank you.

3 MR. PINA: Ralph Pina, R-a-l-p-h P-i-n-a. I'm
4 all for the Pembina Jordan Cove Project. To say I strongly
5 support it is probably an understatement because I see
6 nothing but total positive, locally, county, other counties,
7 and the state.

8 Let's take out of the equation the job
9 opportunities, which will, no matter how you cut that cake,
10 increase local business revenues for that period of time
11 wherever that pipeline's going through. Okay.

12 Let's take how clean, safe, accident-free LNG
13 has been proven already. Let's take that out of the
14 equation. The tax revenues along guaranteed to both local
15 counties and the state level at a time right now where we
16 have a governorship and super majority trying to rob every
17 penny they can out of working class people, and by the way,
18 trying to kill jobs if they pass their cap in trade, right,
19 not to mention their gross sales receipts.

20 Here's a company that's already committed. Is
21 not walking away from it and saying, listen, this is what
22 it's going to be. And we're looking at hundreds of millions
23 of dollars by the time we done going into the war chest of
24 this state. The only reason I can see someone arguing
25 against this is because they don't want opportunity. We've

1 got how many pipelines in this state already? One was put
2 in 1961. We've had two earthquakes since then. Did we have
3 any problems?

4 And just like everything else, technology gets
5 better and better each year because of natural progression.
6 I cannot see all this money and commitment being put forth
7 and they're going to try and cut corners. They've already
8 made all the promises that they could possibly make, as far
9 as environmental impact, what they will do for the rivers,
10 bridges, anything else. So, anybody trying to claim that
11 it's going to cause a problem somewhere, sorry, they're out
12 of their mind or they're not educated enough to understand.

13 There's no way a company is going to put this
14 kind of money forward for their investment for what they're
15 going to gain from it to have a negative impact on them you
16 know down the road because of a shortcut. It's just not
17 going to happen. It's not going to happen. So, yeah, as
18 far as Jordan Cove fully, fully support that project.

19 MS. DAVIDSON: Marissa Davidson, M-a-r-i-s-s-a;
20 Davidson, D-a-v-i-d-s-o-n. Alright, my name is Marissa
21 Davidson, a long-time resident of Klamath Falls. I'm here
22 to voice my support for Jordan Cove and the Pacific
23 Connector Pipeline. I urge the Federal Energy Regulatory
24 Commission to issue certificates to Jordan Cove and the
25 Pacific Connector Pipeline under the Natural Gas Act.

1 As a community member and mother, this project
2 is very important to me. As a parent, we hope and pray we
3 are doing everything we can to leave this world a better
4 place for our children to grow up in. I believe this
5 project will do just that. This project is going to bring
6 money into our community, as well as many others to help
7 support critical public services, including our children's
8 education, libraries, roads, and public safety.

9 The amount of money at 60 million dollars per
10 year, collectively, as a state, this project brings to
11 small, rural communities can make an impactful difference to
12 our economies and our families. Creating jobs and tax
13 revenues should excite the entire state. Thank you for your
14 time and again I urge you to issue the certificates that
15 Jordan Cove needs to begin work on this project.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: My name is Jim O'Connor. I'm a
17 resident of Klamath County, Oregon. I'm here to speak on
18 behalf of Pembina and the construction of the pipeline.

19 I spent 23 years of my life in the Military, 20
20 of them as a sergeant, so I'm an expert on reality. Okay.
21 I want everybody to move from in the weeds, being for the
22 pipeline, being for the LNG plant, being against it. It
23 doesn't matter. And go back out to 30,000 feet where the
24 gas comes from. It's an accident of fracking. It comes
25 from the Dakotas and Canada. They didn't want it. It's

1 there. It has to be used. What they do right now is they
2 burn it at the well head; whereas, if you piped it and sent
3 it to the coast turned into liquid natural gas, you ship to
4 China -- have any of you guys ever Googled on your phone?
5 Go ahead sometime and Google air pollution in China. They
6 burn soft coal. They want this natural gas. They do not
7 want to burn the coal. They need the energy. Everybody
8 needs energy.

9 And to get from the second world or third world
10 or second world or first world status required energy and it
11 requires gas. The gas is going to be burned. The question
12 is where is it going to be burned. Is it going to be burned
13 in the Dakotas just wasting the heat or is it going to be
14 burned in China where they can clear up their pollution?
15 That's all I'm in favor of. Basically, that's it. I'm
16 done.

17 MR. COX: Randy Cox, R-a-n-d-y C-o-x. Here in
18 Klamath Falls we've been hearing about the Jordan Cove
19 Project for nearly 16 years. This week I'm excited to see
20 the progress towards making this project a reality with the
21 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, public hearings
22 on the Jordan Cove Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

23 The FERC is here to determine whether the
24 project is in the public interest. It's up to us to show
25 them that we need Jordan Cove, but furthermore, it's an

1 opportunity for our county to make a statement about being
2 open for business and economic growth. Klamath County has
3 not seen the potential for this investment in decades. This
4 is a 10 billion dollar project, once in operation, will be
5 an incredibly large taxpayer in Klamath County,
6 contributing 5.3 million dollars in annual taxes.

7 In addition, they will employ a dozen employees,
8 which is equivalent to 600 employees in Multnomah County.
9 They will have over 6,000 construction jobs in the state and
10 215 permanent residences. Jordan Cove continues to be a
11 good partner and neighbor for Klamath County in their
12 involvement with our community, their involvement with their
13 tax revenue for public safety, fire, hospitals, and nearly
14 28 billion dollar toward public schools.

15 I personally can't imagine what the schools
16 could do with that 2.8 million dollars in moving and
17 progressing forward with such programs as STEM programs to
18 help develop and direct students into that curriculum.
19 They'll also provide \$230,000 annually to Klamath Community
20 College, which is a great partner with Kacida (ph), the
21 group I'm with, but also developing the town for the future.

22 Rural counties like ours rarely get this
23 opportunity and when they do we want to make sure that we
24 recognize the impact and the influence that a project like
25 that will have on our community. But also, we should

1 evaluate the impact on the environment. Thankfully, Jordan
2 Cove adds to its environment contribution and positive
3 environmental contributions, such as decreasing global gas,
4 green gas emissions by replacing coal in Asia with
5 clean-burning liquefied natural gas, a step forward for
6 Oregon, which all Oregonians should support. From local to
7 global involvement, Jordan Cove continues to provide what's
8 best for the public interest.

9 MR. BAILEY: My name is Reid Bailey, R-e-i-d
10 B-a-i-l-e-y. And my position is kind of general. I hadn't
11 read all the factsheets, but my bias is that I'm really
12 interested in renewable resources and I'd like us to, as a
13 society and as a community, put more of an emphasis and a
14 focus on that and less on the coal and the gas and the
15 carbon-based energy sources.

16 And I live right on at the base of Hog Back and
17 back in '93 or '07, somewhere in there, there was another
18 line that I believe is now called the Ruby Line and it goes
19 right behind my house. So, what I'm concerned about is is
20 what happens if something breaks? You know am I going to be
21 possibly contaminated by the effluent that comes off those
22 pipes or is the community in danger? Could it be flammable?
23 I assume it is. So, I'm wondering, for example, is Jordan
24 Cove putting enough resources on hold so that if there is a

1 malfunction somewhere do they have the resources to take
2 care of that?

3 I remember Exxon Valdez. They have still not
4 finished cleaning up in Alaska and so I'm not interested in
5 Jordan Cove being the next Exxon Valdez. Anyway, I think
6 that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

7 MR. SIKORSKI: Hello, my name's Damion
8 Siksorski, D-a-m-i-o-n S-i-k-o-r-s-k-i.

9 As far as the Jordan Pipeline goes, I don't
10 understand the environmental concerns and why the State of
11 Oregon has not issued a water permit. I was a water
12 treatment specialist on nuclear decommissionings in
13 California. I've treated myself over 200 million gallons of
14 radiologically-impacted water, heavy metal impacted water,
15 several different types of constituents all through any
16 phase of water, a pH adjustment naturally, turbidity
17 removal, and we have the science behind what we're trying to
18 do here.

19 I don't understand the big water controversy,
20 other than just I guess something to hold up the project.
21 Other than that, you know when you have 82 percent of the
22 landowners saying that it's okay to go ahead and traverse
23 their property, you're starting to look at you know majority
24 rules. And it's not just a little majority. It's more than
25 a three-quarter percent majority you know.

1 I understand small individual people if they
2 don't want it to go across their land that they do have
3 right in their property ownership as I have a right in my
4 property ownership in the State of Oregon. There could be a
5 re-route and I'm sure there could be compromise, but I
6 totally think that anything to do related with water is
7 absolutely just off base and that's because of my personal
8 background, my personal vocational histories, and the
9 sciences that we have out there. We have ionic exchanging
10 media res and I mean, heck, we can take cobalt (inaudible)
11 and put it in the water to remove it back out and the
12 byproduct is pretty much nothing. It's small, little
13 plastic BBs you know and their life expectancy is
14 astronomical.

15 So, I mean that's basically why I'm here today.
16 I know that one of the biggest hang-ups is the water and I
17 just don't personally understand it because I understand the
18 science behind water treatment you know. People who don't
19 understand the sciences behind water treatment probably are
20 misinformed or less informed and that's generally where we
21 start to get resistance, so that's all I really have to say.

22 MR. LUCAS: Hi there, my name is Sean Lucas,
23 S-e-a-n L-u-c-a-s. I'm an intern over at Kacida, the local
24 economic development firm and also a student at OIT and a
25 U.S. Army veteran.

1 So, my thoughts on the pipeline I think it's a
2 great opportunity for businesses to be put back into the
3 area. Being from Coos Bay you know we've had a lot loss;
4 especially, the lumber industry and we absolutely need an
5 influx of jobs and tax dollars. I am concerned about the
6 balance between profit and economic care, but I do
7 understand the influx from the Jordan Cove Pipeline for the
8 environment as well, the investments they're making into it.
9 So, I think overall that outweighs the risks, environmental.
10 And I would just like to see it move forward and that is the
11 end of my comments.

12 MR. RAPALYEA: Stephen Rapalyea and it's
13 S-t-e-p-h-e-n and R-a-p-a-l-y-e-a, common spelling of
14 Rapalyea.

15 Okay, the way I see this project is (1) I'd
16 rather see the gas going to China so we don't get their soot
17 back from their coal things since the prevailing winds are
18 from the west to east, so we don't need their scion that
19 comes over here from their coal-fired stuff where you see
20 their cities just choked with actual soot and smog because
21 CO2 is not soot and smog and natural gas is far clearer.

22 It helps the balance of trade. I think we need
23 that because the Chinese have -- we've always had a
24 tremendous trade deficit to China, so this would help that.
25 And I did have a question, but it got answered from me

1 already. We're getting gas -- people think this is all just
2 coming from Canada and go over there. No, it's also coming
3 from places like Wyoming and Colorado and going over there.
4 And of course, I guess most of shareholders actually are
5 U.S. citizens, so it's not just a Canadian project for
6 Canadians going through Oregon.

7 And I don't have much more to say about that.
8 As far as the CO2 goes, I've been doing some research on
9 that lately. And some of the people, like Dr. Patrick
10 Moore, one of the founders of Green Peace, back in 2009 he
11 was for reducing carbon dioxide. In 2018, he says, in
12 theory, you could have too much carbon dioxide. That
13 realistically, no, and now he's for more carbon dioxide
14 because, according to Dr. Patrick Michael, or maybe it's
15 Michael Patrick. With the names like that, it's a little
16 confusing. But he was saying it's actually -- nobody's
17 talking about it but it's caused a 5 percent gain in crop
18 production.

19 And one of the things Patrick Moore is saying is
20 the more carbon dioxide we have the more plant growth we
21 have and it's going to feed this bigger population that
22 we're getting that everybody says we're not going to be able
23 to feed. So, I think that's one of the things that people
24 don't consider at all if they don't look at the whole
25 picture.

1 And here recently I've been studying that
2 because you half to reduce the carbon dioxide and the other
3 side it says you're better off with more of it. That in
4 fact, the Earth was flourishing when we had 5 to 10 times
5 more carbon dioxide than we have now; that overall this is a
6 lower carbon dioxide cycle. And if we drop before 180 parts
7 per million like some of the people that are saying, oh, we
8 got to get rid of all the carbon dioxide plants cease to
9 live after about -- drops below 180 parts per million.

10 MS. THORNE: Nancy Thorne, T-h-o-r-n-e.

11 MR. THORNE: Roger Thorne, R-o-g-e-r
12 T-h-o-r-n-e.

13 MS. THORNE: I am in favor of this project
14 because besides being economically sound for our country and
15 the countries that are going to be receiving the gas, I
16 think it's an environmentally sound way for us to move
17 product from the United States to other countries and
18 benefit from the finances that will be generated from those
19 sales.

20 MR. THORNE: I'm in favor of it also because as
21 the propane goes through the pipeline each county gets a
22 certain amount of money for their schools and other needed
23 projects. And I don't see any environmental problems
24 because if it has a leak it can easily be found and fixed,
25 where if you have a train it could fall off the tracks and

1 cause a lot more damage than something with the pipeline
2 itself.

3 MR. MIKICH: Okay, my name is Mike Mikich,
4 M-i-k-e M-i-k-i-c-h. I'm a special representative for
5 pipeline and gas distribution for the United Association,
6 Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Welders, speaking in favor of the
7 Jordan Cove Project.

8 Several of our UA local members will be employed
9 on this project. This project will bring good-paying jobs
10 for our UA members. They will make a fair wage and with the
11 amount of money they will make working on this project they
12 will contribute taxes to the states and they will be able to
13 buy goods and will be able to help boost the economy here in
14 the State of Oregon.

15 Our members want to take care of the
16 environment, the land, and protect waterways and keep the
17 land pristine for their children and grandchildren as well.
18 Our members love to hunt and fish and are very active in
19 outdoor activities. They like to hike and use the land.
20 They would like to keep the land as nice as possible and our
21 local members feel that our contractors feel the same way.
22 They also want to protect the environment.

23 We all feel that this project is not going to
24 harm or affect the environment here in the State of Oregon.
25 This project will be using skilled, qualified individuals

1 with contractors that follow all the procedures and the
2 processes along the guidelines that are enforced. Our
3 contractors have an impeccable record for their boring
4 expertise. And our welders with the training that was
5 provided to them have a weld rejection rate that is one of
6 the best in the United States. Our average rejection rate
7 on recently laid pipelines in the United States is between 1
8 1/2 and 1 3/4 percent.

9 This project will provide good healthcare and
10 future retirement for all of our United Association
11 employees. There are several environmental reasons why we
12 should approve this pipeline. One reason we have rules and
13 regulations on pollutions and emissions into the atmosphere.
14 All industrial-based businesses need to adhere to all the
15 rules and regulations that are in place, both federal and
16 state. This project is another great example of the private
17 sector creating jobs and labor management working together
18 to build the safest pipeline ever. By using their most
19 highly-skilled trade workforce, this project will provide
20 gross opportunity for American construction companies and
21 manufacturing companies and small business. Other countries
22 have no rules, no regulations; can emit anything into the
23 atmosphere. There's no monitoring, no penalties or fines
24 for emissions in other countries into the atmosphere.

1 Thank you for your consideration on this
2 project. I appreciate your time.

3 MALE SPEAKER: (begins in middle of sentence) --
4 some temporary jobs, but I just really not willing to trade
5 my children's future for jobs that last a couple months.
6 Not only is it going to be a massive impact in terms of
7 global warming, but it's just going to be so esthetically
8 unappealing. It's going to cut a big gash in our mountain
9 range and our beautiful forests of Oregon for the profits of
10 a Canadian corporation and I just can't believe that the
11 government of Oregon and the federal government would even
12 get behind this project.

13 Not only that, it's going to just violate a lot
14 of private citizens' property rights and not only that, but
15 I'm really just not happy about the continued disrespect of
16 the indigenous people of our community here and I know that
17 some imminent domain is going to be used on their property
18 as well. So, I think that's just about all I have to say.
19 But I'd just like to reaffirm that I'm very much against
20 this pipeline project. Alright, thank you for the time.

21 MR. FRENCH: Hi, I'm Frederick W. French.
22 That's spelled F-r-e-d-e-r-i-c-k; "W"; French, F-r-e-n-c-h.
23 I'd like to testify in support of the pipeline going through
24 Klamath Falls.

1 I think it's safe based on environmental
2 oversight and history of pipelines going in before. I don't
3 think there'll be any true negative impacts to the
4 environments and I think as far as economically I think
5 it'll be a big benefit for the economy, not just Klamath
6 Falls, but Oregon, in general. That's the end of my
7 statement.

8 MR. UTKE: Jerry Utke, U-t-k-e. Yeah, I'm
9 looking forward to this Jordan Cove Project because southern
10 Oregon just doesn't have any jobs. I've been trying to get
11 a job for two years and I've been with the union for several
12 years and Klamath Falls work source they gave up on me
13 because of my age. And the county is just so age
14 discrimination it's terrible. You can ask the college
15 school teachers, elderly people, and I don't know. I know
16 anybody protesting they don't want a job. You know they're
17 too used to getting government aid and we need jobs. That's
18 a fact you know. I know it's hard to get any kids to do
19 anything anymore because they're too used to getting
20 everything for nothing, so I'm looking forward to this
21 project. I'd like to go to work.

22 MR. KINGZETT: my name is Robert Kingzett. That
23 is spelled K-i-n-g-z-e-t-t. I'm testifying today in full
24 support of the Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific
25 Connector Gas Pipeline.

1 All projects involving utilization of natural
2 resources essentially come down to a benefit cost or risk
3 analysis. For this project, the projected benefit/cost
4 ratio is very strongly to the positive side of the ledger.
5 Economic benefits are almost staggering. This 10 billion
6 dollar project is the largest private investment in Oregon
7 ever. Jordan Cove will become the largest taxpayer in four
8 Oregon counties, including Klamath, paying over 60 million
9 dollars per year. And Jordan Cove will be paying an
10 additional 50 million dollars to the state in corporate tax
11 revenue, a total more than all of other Oregon manufacturing
12 industries combined.

13 And most importantly, for those of us living
14 here, the coffers of Klamath County will be enhanced by over
15 5.3 million per year. Social services programs for people
16 in need and support for corrections and public safety needs
17 and education support will all be significantly enhanced by
18 this project.

19 On the risk side, potential for negative impacts
20 are modest. There are already 18,000 miles of natural gas
21 pipelines in Oregon. Pembina, the main sponsoring company,
22 already safely operates 11,000 miles of pipeline every day.
23 Another safety feature, the pipeline will carry natural gas
24 in the gaseous state. It is not a liquid. It cannot spill
25 and would evaporate if exposed to the atmosphere.

1 Those concerned about disturbing major
2 waterways, the pipeline will be buried 75 to 140 feet below
3 major rivers, and equipment and quality of piping to be
4 utilized for this project are exceptional. Jordan Cove
5 facility will also be constructed to withstand earthquakes
6 up to 9.3 magnitude and that level surpasses the requirement
7 of most building codes. In addition, there are already
8 three LNG facilities in North America that have been
9 operating for over a combined 50 years without a major
10 incident.

11 Some folks are concerned about the project
12 needing to use eminent domain. This is concern is being
13 almost completely ameliorated by the great work of Pembina
14 staff, offering them generous payments for pipeline access.
15 Pembina just announced that 82 percent of landowners have
16 signed access agreements. By the time FERC approves this
17 permit, being positive, landowners providing access will be
18 well over 90 percent.

19 In summation, the risks associated with this
20 project are modest and acceptable and the benefits that
21 accrue to Oregon, the four county pipeline participants,
22 including Klamath, are tremendous. This is a project FERC
23 should approve enthusiastically. Thank you.

24 MR. HATHAWAY: Ron Hathaway, R-o-n
25 H-a-t-h-a-w-a-y, and I'm in favor of the project. I think,

1 one, it's going to bring some economic benefit to Klamath
2 County. And, two, is I think environmentally -- I grew up
3 Burney, California. There's one of these 36-inch lines goes
4 through there. It was put in 30 years ago. I was like
5 eighth grade, freshman in high school. If you didn't know
6 that it was put it, you probably wouldn't even know it's
7 there today. It crosses Lake Britain. It crosses Hat
8 Creek. It crosses Pitt River. It crosses Burning Creek.
9 And that's only the ones that I'm familiar with, but like I
10 say, it's been there, no leaks, no blow-ups, no anything. I
11 think it's safe. I think it's environmentally sound and I
12 think we probably need the energy either in the United
13 States or shipped overseas.

14 MR. HURLEY: My name is Matt Hurley. It's
15 M-a-t-t- H-u-r-l-e-y, President of Klamath Falls.

16 So, I'm totally in favor of the project --
17 Jordan Cove Project. And my understanding is that I believe
18 it's met all the FERC regulations to this point. And, to
19 me, if it has it should be an approved project then.

20 Obviously, it's going to bring some great assets
21 to the Klamath County. I think it's close to five million
22 in tax revenue, a huge boost to the community. I think it's
23 met, from what I've read, the environmental concerns that a
24 lot of people have. And it's not like we don't have a
25 couple of pipelines here in the county already that have

1 proven the construction can be safe and the operation can be
2 safe. So, I'm very much in favor of it and I hope it meets
3 final approval.

4 MR. GENTRY: Well, my name is -- well, Donald C.
5 Gentry is how I go by when I sign documents. I'm chairman
6 of the Klamath Tribes and so I did have some thoughts I
7 wanted to share. We're going to be providing extensive
8 written comments and so there are some things that are going
9 to guide me, but I just can't help but react to seeing all
10 the public -- whether it's protest one way or another.

11 You know to me it's like so aware of the
12 campaigns and coordinated letters to the editor and articles
13 in the paper. To me, it's just nothing like that is going
14 to make the risks go away. Nothing is going to make this
15 project feasible from my perspective. I just feel like it's
16 important to say that and I say my perspective, the
17 perspective of the Klamath Tribe, as a representative from
18 the Klamath Tribes, as I'm speaking on behalf of them.

19 And so, I mean one of the things that we really
20 believe is that the analysis didn't go far enough to look
21 and display all the risk and I think it was important to
22 note that. And I appreciate the folks at FERC taking notes
23 from our last government-to-government meeting. You know
24 I've been thinking more and more about you know if this goes
25 the wrong direction and it's permitted you know I really am

1 concerned about what the impacts may be with protects and
2 the fear of that.

3 And we had some discussion about that. I'm not
4 sure how to consider that. There's something I'm really
5 concerned it would be beyond our control. You know we have
6 folks that are opposing and I think -- so, my feeling and
7 just from the contacts that I've had I know people are kind
8 of waiting to see what's going to happen. And I've had so
9 many different individuals and entities say that they would
10 you know be right with us to protest this if it moves
11 forward, whatever that means. But some of our Tribal
12 members went back to South Dakota and they saw what occurred
13 and went back with a certain thing in mind. You know
14 standing up for the cause and protecting their Tribal
15 interests and supporting the Tribes and really were shocked
16 about what'd happened and the aftermath -- you know the
17 damage to the resources and the homeless people being there
18 and broken down abandoned vehicles.

19 But not only that, the confrontations and you
20 know father and daughter experienced security people come up
21 to them with guns and it just totally freaked them out. I'd
22 just hate to see something like that happen in this area.
23 But I just feel really uncomfortable about all the money
24 being thrown around and all the contacts being made. And
25 just, frankly, I've been courted to have coffee and get to

1 know people and we want to work with the Tribes and we want
2 to help you with your Tribal needs which is, hey, we'll give
3 you money to support this thing.

4 And you know they've even hired native People to
5 stop by the office and have a casual conversation and gift
6 me with tobacco and share all this and that. And all of a
7 sudden, oh, by the way, I just took a job with Pembina. I'm
8 just going this just feels so creepy to me. But I'm not
9 sure -- I just want to say the public displays, the money,
10 all these efforts you know in trying to influence public
11 support you know that doesn't make the problems go away. It
12 doesn't make this problem, this issue, this project
13 feasible.

14 So, it's probably the strongest thing I could
15 say at this time in addition to our comments. I want to
16 make sure that there's other notes too and a lot of these
17 we've already communicated. I got this from our attorney,
18 but I think we're going to be pretty specific in making some
19 of these strong points, but that's primarily what I wanted
20 to say. I guess that's in addition to what I think might
21 come forward with the comments.

22 MR. BARTELES: First name is Charles,
23 C-h-a-r-l-e-s; Barteles, B-a-r-t-e-l-e-s, a resident here in
24 Klamath Falls.

1 I stopped by when I saw the logo and the
2 activity taking place here at the fairgrounds to give my
3 complete support to the company, the proposal, and
4 hopefully, the construction of the pipeline all the way to
5 Coos Bay here in Oregon.

6 This country was built on natural energy. It
7 thrives on natural energy. And so would like to see in my
8 lifetime yet that trend to continue. I hope the
9 environmentalists, as much as they have their goodness at
10 heart, that they look elsewhere for their protests or for
11 their opposition. I hope also that the Oregon Government at
12 the state level will be sensitive enough to the people of
13 this area as to the economy of this area to support the
14 program and give all the necessary permits and licenses and
15 whatever's required. I thank you very much for the
16 opportunity to comment.

17 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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1 REPORTER: DAVID DOWNEY

2 MS. LINSENBIGLER: Janet Linsenbigler, I will
3 spell it, L-i-n-s-e-n-b-i-g-l-e-r. Okay, I came to Oregon
4 because they seemed to protect their state and their
5 environment. And I was in California in the sixties and
6 watched it go down the tubes due to corporations and things
7 like that taking over the land. So, I moved here because I
8 figured they're more protective of their property.

9 And I was not happy with this coming through for
10 a number of reasons. One was how is it going to help us,
11 generally. It's not in the Tribes interest. I don't think
12 it's in our water interest. We're just getting the salmon
13 back. I don't know for sure if it interferes with the
14 tributaries, but if it does, I think that's really awful
15 because it's just starting to improve.

16 I don't understand the politics behind us
17 providing -- this is really terrible. I don't understand
18 why we are providing China with our natural resources when
19 we need to have our own for our own country and provide for
20 us. And we don't have enough to go around to just spread by
21 companies that aren't from the United States. So, that's
22 kind of my thought.

23 MR. ADKINS: My name is James Atkins, J-a-m-e-s
24 A-d-k-i-n-s, and I am from Salem, Oregon. I've lived in
25 this state just about my whole life. And I'm commenting to

1 say that the FERC should grant Pembina their certificate of
2 need -- I think the certificate of public necessity and
3 convenience for the Jordan Cove Project for the pipeline and
4 the terminal.

5 I think everything that FERC has outlined in
6 their Draft Environmental Impact Statement -- nothing
7 included in that should negate granting the project its
8 permit. I think everything in there is achievable, that
9 Pembina can comply with all the items that have been
10 outlined, all the environmental impacts, complying with all
11 of the regulations provided the other agencies involved.

12 I also think that the project itself will have a
13 lot of benefit for the four counties that it runs through,
14 from Coos County, Douglas County, Jackson County, and
15 Klamath County. Like I said, I've lived in Oregon my whole
16 life. I've spent a lot of time on the coast in southern
17 Oregon and the sort of economic benefits that this project
18 can provide will be extremely beneficial to the people who
19 live down in -- who live in these areas and want to continue
20 to be able to work and raise a family down here.

21 There's a lot of tax revenue provided by the
22 project when it will be completed and operational that I
23 think will help improve the health, lives, and safety of
24 everyone in the four counties. And I think that it'll go a
25 long ways towards helping Oregon and -- well, helping Oregon

1 achieve their goals in terms of CO2 reductions and emissions
2 reductions, in addition to helping the world, as a whole.
3 You know the global effort to reduce those kinds of impacts
4 from fossil fuel energy sources.

5 And one of the ways is that you know providing
6 this kind of resource to other countries around the world
7 will allow them to shift away from dirtier burning coal --
8 coal-powered power plants kind of like Oregon just is doing
9 now in shutting down the Boardman Plant.

10 And yeah, so I hope that FERC can work with
11 Jordan Cove and the folks at Pembina to achieve everything
12 that was outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement so
13 that the project can receive its permit. That's it.

14 MR. BOCCHI: My name is John Bocchi, J-o-h-n
15 B-o-c-c-h-i.

16 Just a lifelong resident of Klamath County and
17 we need the pipeline. We need the jobs and it's better than
18 burning coal I think. And that's all I got to say.

19 MR. REDDING: Cody Redding, that's C-o-d-y
20 R-e-d-d-i-n-g. I'm not really going to sit here and quote
21 statistics or anything like that to you guys. I'm sure
22 you've had a lot of people come and do that already, talking
23 about different pipelines around the country that have had
24 problems.

1 You know anything from explosions to poisoning
2 of water or anything like that. I'm really just going to
3 try to level with you guys on an emotional level here. And
4 I hear a lot of people talking about that this thing can
5 bring in and I really just have to wonder how much you think
6 our future generation children's lives are worth, how much
7 your soul is worth, because in all honesty anything bad
8 isn't going to happen today, tomorrow, in five years. We
9 have to really more worry about what's going to happen when
10 the pipeline starts to deteriorate.

11 When those problems are going to come along, how
12 can we expect anyone to actually make replacement in the
13 pipelines? And when that doesn't happen, eventually, we're
14 going to have problems with the poisoning of our water, the
15 hurting of our natural resources, and it's really going to
16 ruin our children's lives and our children's children's
17 lives. And I just really want you guys to consider that
18 when you worry about all the money this is going to bring
19 in. What about the lives that are going to be ruined?
20 That's all. Thank you.

21 MR. COX: My name is Greg, G-r-e-g; Cox, C-o-x.
22 I'm a union operator and I've been doing gas pipeline for
23 the last 10 years. And it's pretty safe procedures and I
24 don't see any fault in this line going in. It's going
25 underneath the rivers and stuff the way they're set up these

1 days. They don't even have to even go through the water.
2 They can go under it you know, but the precaution that union
3 operators take you know we watch out for everybody and thing
4 gets done accordingly.

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6 I just wanted to put my voice in that I think
7 this would be one of the best projects in Oregon for a long
8 time. So, other than that, you know over there at Coos Bay
9 I think that's quite a good idea the way they got it set up.
10 I went downtown and looked at the blueprints the way they're
11 going to do stuff and it's a pretty good setup, so anybody
12 that is against it got to look at the revenue that's coming
13 in for each county and that revenue helps out schools, helps
14 out transportation, all that stuff. So, I think it's a
15 win/win for everybody. Thank you.

16 MS. GENTRY-SMITH: Joey Gentry-Smith, J-o-e-y
17 G-e-n-t-r-y hyphen Smith.

18 Dear Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: I
19 strongly oppose the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas LNG
20 and Pacific Connector Pipeline Project. In the words of
21 Theodore Roosevelt "No man may poison the people for his
22 private profit."

23 FERC should not issue an authorization and
24 certificate of public convenience and necessity because the
25 Jordan Cove Project is not in the best interest of the

1 public. The Jordan Cove Project will have detrimental
2 impact on our environment, our climate, our fish, and
3 wildlife, the health of our waterways and drinking water,
4 and put in jeopardy the health and safety of all Oregonians.

5 My reasons for opposing the Jordan Cove LNG
6 Pacific Connector Pipeline are as follows: Environmental
7 and climate impacts: The Jordan Cove Project will cause
8 harm to hundreds of water bodies that it will cross or run
9 alongside. According to FERC's previous review of this
10 project, "Construction of the pipeline would remove riparian
11 stream side vegetation, reduce shad, and increase the
12 exposure of surface water and radiant energy -- sunshine --
13 including those within riparian reserves."

14 FERC also previously determined of the Jordan
15 Cove Project that "Clearing and grading of stream banks,
16 removal of riparian vegetation, in-stream trenching, trench
17 dewatering and backfilling could result in stream bank
18 modification, increase sedimentation, turbidity, increase
19 the temperature, decrease dissolve oxygen concentrations,
20 release of chemical and nutrient pollutants from sediments,
21 and introduction of chemical contaminants, such as fuel and
22 lubricants. And increase in the soil compaction and
23 vegetation clearing could potentially increase runoff in
24 subsequent stream flow or peak flows. Surface water could

1 be impacted due to alteration of the groundwater flow where
2 the pipeline intersects with water bodies."

3 The agricultural industry in Klamath County, the
4 Klamath Tribe, and downstream Tribes have been embroiled in
5 a complicated water crisis for years and additional stress
6 on our waterways will only compound the issues we're already
7 trying to correct. Failure to provide cool, clean water for
8 our fish to thrive is violation of our constitutional Tribe
9 Treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap, and gather.

10 FERC has already determined twice before this
11 project is an absolute threat to health of our rivers, fish,
12 and fish habitat.

13 I have a lot more to read. Impacted land and
14 landowners: The Jordan Cove Project will infringe upon the
15 rights of landowners and farmers. Foreign corporations
16 should not have the right to use scare tactics, pressure, or
17 bully people into signing and selling easements for the use
18 of their property. A foreign corporation should not have
19 the right to use eminent domain to steal land from
20 landowners who refuse to sign off on easement.

21 The Jordan Cove Project will also cross Tribal
22 and once Tribal land and territories. Let our ancestors
23 rest in peace. And for the living, we must not continue to
24 injure and scar our land and our Earth.

1 Public interest and safety: Fracked gas is
2 potentially explosive. The export terminal is in a known
3 active earthquake and tsunami zone. This past month along
4 the West Coast has been seismically active. A swarm of
5 earthquakes just occurred less than 30 miles from the
6 proposed location of the export terminal, reminding us that
7 a catastrophic event could happen at any time.

8 It is absolutely a threat to human health and
9 safety to put a potentially explosive LNG terminal within
10 such an active earthquake and tsunami zone. Should there be
11 such an event the LNG terminal were to catch fire or explode
12 there would be zero survivors within the cremation zone.
13 This is contrary to the public's best interest.

14 The pipeline route is already in areas prone to
15 wildfires. We cannot afford the elevated risk by placing a
16 pipeline on these dangerous and treacherous regions prone to
17 drought and fires. It is not in the best interest of the
18 public, citizens of Oregon and the United States to scar our
19 Earth and threaten our environment, climate, health, and
20 safety for the financial benefit of a foreign corporation.

21 Their market is not secured. The cost of their
22 product will be higher than their competitors and if their
23 buyers don't truly exist, all of this risk and destruction
24 will be for nothing.

1 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has
2 already correctly ruled against this project for legitimate
3 reasons. FERC should once again deny, with prejudice, the
4 authorization and certification of public convenience and
5 necessity to the Pembina Jordan Cove Energy Project.

6 MR. WALKER: John R. Walker, J-o-h-n, "R",
7 W-a-l-k-e-r. I'm John Walker. I'm here to testify for the
8 pipeline. I think it's a real good thing for the economy of
9 the State of Oregon and Klamath County. I believe that with
10 the tax refunds and everything it'll take stress off the
11 businessmen and we'll have better schools, roads, fire
12 department, police. And I can't believe that this thing
13 hasn't already passed and in the ground. Thank you.

14 MR. TIPPIN: My name is Steven A. Tippin,
15 T-i-p-p-i-n.

16 Well, the reason I wanted to come in today I've
17 lived here since 1987. I've worked here, off and on, since
18 the 1970s. Southern Oregon has very high unemployment and
19 low tax base. Unfortunately, a lot of the land that we have
20 here is owned by the federal government and therefore is not
21 taxed.

22 This type of project will have tremendous
23 benefits for our community. As far as the safety of the
24 project, we have a number of pipelines that run in the area
25 now that Ruby Pipeline. I remember it's been here about 40

1 years, extremely safe. I have no concerns about the
2 environmental impact.

3 What's important to me is that we have the tax
4 base that we'll get out of it, the workers that will come
5 into town. I run a business in town, Edward Jones
6 Investments. I manage about 80 million dollars and so the
7 importance of this to the community, both to the schools and
8 to the county, the tax base that will come is just
9 tremendously important.

10 I am concerned, as most people are, about the
11 environment around the world, but what will happen, as I
12 understand with this, is that this will be gas that will to
13 Asia where they're using a lot of coal. So, in the long
14 run, what we're going to see is a lessening of the
15 environmental impacts of coal by sending this gas out. And
16 it's a good economic base for our community in taxes and
17 employment. And I understand once it's built there won't be
18 much employment, but the tax base remains and that's huge
19 for Klamath County and so that's why it's really important
20 to me to see that type of thing happen in the future.

21 Now I've worked in the woods in the past in my
22 life. I understand the environment quite well. In some of
23 the areas we worked years ago there was pipelines there.
24 You could see the trails of it. It didn't anything. I saw
25 deer running around in it. Everything else is running

1 around in it. We have new drilling techniques to go under
2 the waterways that makes it extremely safe, so I, as a
3 resident here, I have no concerns.

4 It's very important to me. I have clients now
5 that have already signed on and what surprised me is Pembina
6 paid one of my clients \$233,000 for his right-of-way.
7 That's a significant impact. So, what we see is a company
8 that really cares about what they're doing. The initial
9 company offered him \$900 for that same right-of-way. He
10 just came in the other day into my office -- and that amount
11 of money that is going to impact him. He's redoing a cabin
12 out in Dog Valley, out toward Bonanza and the pipeline is
13 going to run right behind his house and he's very
14 environmentally conscious. He understands what'll happen
15 with that and that's why he got the money that he did on it.
16 That's a huge impact.

17 I mean I don't think everybody understand the
18 impact of the landowners getting that type of money for the
19 easement rights. So, I think Pembina will do an excellent
20 job with it and it's something that I think is very vital to
21 our region to have this happen. And to the world as far as
22 you're talking about the environment I think it'll be good
23 for the world in lowering the emissions of coal emissions in
24 the future.

1 But the biggest thing for me, personally, is the
2 impact that it'll have here on Klamath County. As a rural
3 county in the state, we don't get a lot of support from
4 upstate. I'm the chairman of a foundation at the community
5 college; also I was a volunteer out there, so I know the
6 community college will impacted to the tune of several
7 hundred thousand dollars from that. And that's desperately
8 needed because that community college helps train people
9 that can work in this area and that's vital for us as we try
10 to increase our business. It really got hurt by the spotted
11 owl. I used to work in the woods and I understand that and
12 so we've seen a decline in our employment over the years --
13 over the last 20 years.

14 Now, we've had some things come back, but this
15 type of tax base will be so critical to this area and I
16 don't see a danger of it. So, that's really all I wanted to
17 say.

18 MR. YORK: Timothy Visser, T-i-m-o-t-h-y;
19 Visser, V-i-s-s-e-r.

20 Jordan Cove will provide safe, reliable jobs for
21 a community in a rural population with minimal job
22 opportunities.

23 MR. SILLING: Ed Silling and with me is Darla
24 Silling. And we want to --

25 MALE SPEAKER: How do you spell Silling?

1 MR. SILLING: S-i-l-l-i-n-g

2 MALE SPEAKER: And that's Donna?

3 MR. SILLING: Darla, D-a-r-l-a.

4 So, our main concern is climate crisis. And
5 there are two issues I want to address right here. One of
6 them is the issue of fugitive methane, which is, of course,
7 is natural gas. It's CH₄. And what happens is you have to
8 keep your fugitive methane below 3 percent if it's going to
9 be better than CO₂, if it's going to be better than coal.

10 And even though I'm not going to dispute what
11 Jordan Cove says about the integrity of their infrastructure
12 in it's 239 miles or whatever, but on the fracking end and
13 on the delivery end; especially, crossing the Pacific and
14 into Asia, there's no control over the amount of methane
15 that's going to be released and we're going to have
16 accidents. So, I'm really concerned on that level that
17 we're going to be really aggravating the global climate
18 crisis. CH₄ being about 30 times worse than CO₂ in terms of
19 its greenhouse gas effects. So, that's the first part.

20 The second comment relates to the infrastructure
21 at Jordan Cove. And Pembina says that their tsunami
22 protection wall sits at 45 feet. The predicted height of
23 the wave in the case of a Cascadian Subduction Zone event is
24 80 to 100 feet. And when sea water and natural gas mix, you
25 get a very volatile, dangerous explosion, so this is another

1 concern. At Fukushima, the wave was 46 feet and it
2 overwhelmed their defenses at Fukushima and we know the
3 consequences of that. So, that's the extent of my
4 testimony.

5 MS. STONER: Julie, J-u-l-i-e; Stoner,
6 S-t-o-n-e-r. I am Julie Stoner from Klamath Falls. I don't
7 represent a group. I'm just a property owner here in the
8 city and I live near the Klamath River.

9 I am opposed to the Pacific Connector Pipeline
10 and the Jordan Cove Project for several reasons and I will
11 try to outline those as succinctly as possible.

12 First is the effect on our community. I am
13 originally from pipeline country. I lived in Texas for
14 about 20 years and I am very familiar with the effect of
15 pipelines on communities; especially, poor communities as
16 Klamath Falls and all of Klamath County is. First and
17 foremost, we do not have the resources to mitigate any
18 disasters coming from a pipeline.

19 We are in a seismic zone. The last major
20 earthquake was in 1993. Oregon is experiencing tremors.
21 Currently, we've had a cluster offshore. We do not need a
22 large pipeline underneath our city; especially, with our
23 seismic history.

24 As a homeowner, I am very, very concerned about
25 a pipeline rupture destroying my property and setting fire

1 to the nearby woodlands. Relatedly, I am concerned about
2 leaks in this pipeline, the high-pressured gas with leaks
3 that could go undetected until a fire happens. We are also
4 in a very severe wildfire area.

5 Jordan Cove Project is based in Canada. They
6 will leave once everything is installed. I asked the people
7 downtown, the representatives, how they would assist our
8 very small fire department in any sort of fire and rescue.
9 They said that they would buy drones. Unfortunately, drones
10 cannot fly if there is a severe wildfire going on, so that
11 would mean that our county would be responsible and our city
12 would be responsible for any fires that would result from a
13 leak and subsequent fire.

14 Pipelines that are abandoned which would result
15 after this became insolvent would leak methane into our
16 land, into our water. As a resident, I am very, very
17 concerned about that. Relatedly, pipelines bring man camps.
18 We do not have law enforcement resources to deal with human
19 trafficking, drug activity, and things associated with man
20 camps that would impact our community and our well being,
21 socially and economically. For these reasons, I am
22 vehemently opposed to the project. Thank you.

23 MS. KAWKA: My name is Anya Kawka. It's spelled
24 A-n-y-a; last name Kawka, K-a-w-k-a, and I'm here to speak
25 against the Jordan Cove Pipeline. And the reason I am

1 speaking against it is that I am not in favor of another
2 project, of another LNG pipeline in Oregon.

3 As the Pembina Company themselves have said, we
4 already have a lot of them here. And even if they say
5 they're very safe, I don't believe that we need more of
6 them. The permit was denied in the past because they
7 couldn't prove a need for another pipeline and so I see this
8 as a greedy, Canadian company coming in and disrupting our
9 Oregon lands for the sake of their profits, not to benefit
10 our Oregon or even United States citizens. And the result
11 is that they will get money and there will be more pollution
12 in the air because by building this infrastructure we are
13 making ourselves more and more oil and fossil energy
14 dependent and I believe we need to move beyond that and move
15 into clean energy. And that is all I have to say.

16 MR. EDWARDS: Ben Edwards. I didn't need to
17 spell it.

18 Alright, this project doesn't affect me
19 personally because it doesn't go through my property, but I
20 think it's good for the county and I would like to see it
21 go. I don't know what's the matter with the Commissioners
22 in Jackson County, why they're against it, but I think it
23 should go. If it can't go through there, go up here to
24 Diamond Lake Junction and go around them. That's my
25 opinion. So, do I need to say anything more?

1 MALE SPEAKER: Do you have anything more to say;
2 you've got a lot of time to say it.

3 MR. EDWARDS: Well, speak now or forever hold my
4 tongue. Okay, okay, well, no, just I think it's good for
5 the county and I'm glad somebody's here to listen to us and
6 thank you very much for being here. Okay, that's it.

7 MR. CARLETON: Dick Carleton, D-i-c-k
8 C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n.

9 MS. CARLETON: Margaret Carleton.

10 MR. CARLETON: Well, I'm going to wear two hats
11 today. I'm going to wear one first as a private citizen.
12 And I was a child when they put the pipeline through Bonanza
13 out there and it's been there for years and as far as I know
14 there's never been a problem with it. They farm right over
15 the top of it. You wouldn't even know it was there if it
16 wasn't for the pumping station right there.

17 And I'm fully in support of it. I think it's a
18 boon to the community and it well add -- you know the people
19 that go there it'll add tax dollars to the basin, the
20 workers. I mean there's not bad I can say about it. I
21 think it's a wonderful thing for the whole thing.

22 MS. CARLETON: Well, I'm just as a private
23 citizen, but I think it would be a boon to our economy. It
24 would be awesome to be able to have natural gas and I just

1 thinking, all and all, it's a good thing. I can't come up
2 with anything bad about it either.

3 MR. CARLETON: And now I'll speak as a city
4 councilman and here a couple years ago we had a business
5 here in Klamath Falls. They make duck decoys, amongst other
6 things and they were going to move their business to Merle
7 (ph). Two requirements were natural gas and fiber optic or
8 high-speed Internet. And we have the high-speed Internet,
9 but -- and they didn't come in because there was neither one
10 of those things there. And we do have high-speed, fiber
11 optic Internet now, two different servers and with natural
12 gas there it would just be a wonderful boon to attract the
13 businesses that need that kind of a service. And Merle is a
14 growing community and it would be wonderful to have access.

15 Several years ago, there was a big cheese plant
16 that was going to put a plant down there and that was one of
17 their requirements was natural gas. And Avista, at that
18 time, was going to run the gas off of the pipeline coming
19 from Lynn to the city there so we would have it there.
20 There would be enough usage you know to justify it, but it
21 just, economically, you know it would help us grow and those
22 things -- so many businesses require that kind of stuff.

23 And the tax dollars you know for all the
24 different entities that are taxed you know it would be
25 really helpful too. Well, we just hope it goes through. It

1 just would be a wonderful thing for the Basin -- well, not
2 only Basin, but others too.

3 MR. JACKSON: Gary Jackson, G-a-r-y
4 J-a-c-k-s-o-n. Thank you for being here. I appreciate you
5 taking the time to have these hearings for us, but I want to
6 talk about the economic impact that this is going to have on
7 these communities through here. The four counties that this
8 pipeline is running through and the terminal is going to be
9 stationed at are some of the poorest counties in the State
10 of Oregon. You know their funds have been depleted because
11 of the lack of logging and that type of thing.

12 Jordan Cove stands to bring back a lot of these
13 revenues to boost these counties. Tax funds that will go
14 into the school coffers, there's been schools shutting down
15 on a constant basis. The little town where I was raised
16 there's no school there anymore. It has shut down and moved
17 out; the whole entire town has shut down. It was a logging
18 community and it's gone now, for all intents and purposes,
19 so they need this boost.

20 Now, Jordan Cove itself may not supply all of
21 that money to revitalize it, but the springboard that it's
22 going to provide for different jobs and different
23 occupations and stuff is going to be immense. You know even
24 after the project is done, which is going to employ about
25 6,000 people and they're going to be spending their money

1 locally, a lot of it, you're still going to have 250 jobs
2 created by Jordan Cove; but you're also going to have 750
3 spinoff jobs. And with the possible opportunities to get
4 tax and stuff on these lines and things like that that could
5 start other industries that these areas are in great need
6 of.

7 And like I said, Jordan Cove might not be the
8 end all/fix all for it, but it is definitely going to be a
9 springboard to help the rest of these businesses get started
10 and that's what's going to make these communities come back
11 and be viable again. So, with that I think I'll just wrap
12 up and say thank you.

13 MS. JACKSON: Rowena Jackson, R-o-w-e-n-a
14 J-a-c-k-s-o-n. As first Peoples of this land, I was put on
15 Mother Earth to live a good life, just the same as our fish
16 and other wildlife. We have a spiritual connection to
17 Mother Earth and the water, why, because we are the land and
18 the water. I am water from Klamath and Crater Lake. My
19 guard is still up, no rest for my fists.

20 Is this "Rest in peace" to the snake? By
21 denying the permit is good on my list. Now, the color red
22 should've been a favorite to FERC and DSL by now. During
23 the four-year term serving let's remember this one. Pembina
24 is not in our best interest to sliver off with a fortune.
25 Who in their right minds would submit 42,000 comments to

1 DEQ, only people in their right minds wearing red with
2 42,000 reasons?

3 Here's a quick overview. It is a given to
4 protect and love our fish for all my relations and next
5 generations. As one of two testimonies down river youth met
6 me. Water is like tears in our eyes. We should hands as
7 they thanked me. For them I rise. My two minutes were
8 precious each time I showed up. Our youth deserve good
9 things when they grow up. Today is day five DSL public
10 hearing. Green shirts, green hats dots in the red shadows,
11 we are cheering, speaking, and volunteering and life
12 streaming, sharing strengths and encouragement we continue
13 to oppose Vicky Walker and Department of State Lands. You
14 too can be a water protector as we gather on stolen
15 homelands. Deny the Pacific Connector a clean conscience as
16 a blessing. No regrets in the afterlife because you opposed
17 and stopped the oppressing.

18 Kate Brown, don't let us down. Corporations
19 donate in order to excavate. My elders fought hard near and
20 far. Intergeneration trauma, I nurture my scar. I will
21 protect our stolen village sites. I embrace Tribal sacred
22 sites. Rest in peace my ancestors. Heads up oppressors and
23 even investors against the gas pipeline and on the front
24 lines I'm bringing awareness and addressing the highlights.

1 Since 1864, we are still at war. Ancestors are
2 with me as I roll up my sleeves. Pipeline verbal track
3 records most likely deceives, imminent domain for capital
4 gain, this mistreatment is so inhumane. In Wells Fargo I
5 divest because Mother Earth in her stressed. This is my
6 home like the lava bits catacomb. So, I pray for the People
7 we overcome all this evil. My definition of Homeland
8 Security all walks of life in solidarity. United we stand
9 as I raise my hand.

10 MR. SWENSON: Cherie Swenson, C-h-e-r-i-e
11 S-w-e-n-s-o-n. I am here to talk about why I am in
12 opposition to the Jordan Cove Project, the liquid gas
13 natural pipeline. I am informed and aware from personal
14 experience that the climate is changing. I'm 35 years old
15 and when I was a child the weather patterns expectations for
16 what we were going to have happen were fairly normal and it
17 has changed drastically.

18 Fossil fuels have been directly correlated to
19 this. It is time for us to transition from fossil fuels to
20 alternative energy. I'm fully aware that natural gas has
21 less carbon emissions than coal burning, but sending a
22 liquid natural gas through our always -- well, what would be
23 the best way to describe it -- our oceans are already
24 vulnerable, extreme vulnerable oceans to Asia does not help
25 energy security. It does not help the Asian population.

1 When kids can't go outside to play because of
2 smoke levels in the air you know and we're going to send it
3 over there, whether or not it's coal or it's natural gas,
4 there should be no more fossil fuels going into that air. I
5 think that's just asinine.

6 Where the facility would transition the Ruby
7 Pipeline is a mile away from an elementary school where I
8 volunteered and could smell natural gas certain days. This
9 is even before the liquid natural gas part. The big
10 facility who knows how much noise that would make. It's a
11 very small community. Malin, Oregon, I think, has, what,
12 2500 people in the area and it is just that's not a great
13 place. Not to mention the estuary, Coos Bay is like that
14 ecosystem alone is so fragile and they're going to move it
15 to some swamp with the help of Fish and Wildlife and say
16 that that's a job well done, that is also ridiculous.

17 The permanent jobs most of them happen to be for
18 emergency responders in case something really bad happens.
19 That does not make me feel good or secure about this
20 project. I went and spoke with the representatives from the
21 project a few minutes ago and they're 100 percent sure. I
22 don't know if you guys took math, but 100 percent doesn't
23 really go with much. I think it's like death and taxes, so
24 it's just you know.

1 There are certain people I understand where fear
2 comes from. I understand that changing is very difficult,
3 but there are things that we can do. There are things in
4 Klamath County. We have OIT, which is an engineering
5 school. We have solar farms that are being put up and
6 people need to change. And if, you know, we're still so
7 comfortable then there we go. So, thank you very much. I
8 appreciate your time.

9 (Whereupon, the scoping meeting was concluded.)

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