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Subject: Re: PSE Tacoma LNG Docket 151663
Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 6:32:39 PM
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Dear WUTC Commissioners:

I wanted to thank you for having my comment attached to the docket. I wanted to further note the deterioration of PSE's PR campaign. In the week since I wrote you, PSE has now gone to court against the Tacoma News Tribune, a local reporter & the City of Tacoma to stop release of substantially similar LNG safety modeling. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has filed an appeal of the Shoreline Hearings Board in opposition to the proposed LNG refinery.

As I write this, I believe there are anti-LNG pickets underway at the busiest intersection in Tacoma.

You might not know, but PSE's project would be the largest hybrid LNG bunkering/peaking facility in the United States, built near thousands of innocent lives, co-located next to millions of gallons of Bakken crude oil storage (Bakken crude has a NFPA flammability rating of 4: extremely flammable) built on top of a known liquefaction & lahar hazard area. Speaking as a risk management professional, these factors become very relevant to your deliberations around financial risk & protecting Washington State's ratepayers. They say in the 'cold hard world of insurance claims', an American life is worth about \$2 million. The 2 main takeaways following the 2004 Algerian LNG disaster, where 27 died & 80 were injured- mostly first responders, was to keep LNG far away from populations & crude oil, precisely the 2 major things located near the proposed Tacoma facility. Additionally, TOTE, the only customer for this LNG, recently & tragically suffered a terrible loss when the company made the faulty operational decision to send the SS El Faro (about to be bound for Tacoma) directly into the path of a known hurricane with known mechanical problems. 33 lives were lost to this very avoidable human error. I mention this event to illustrate that even in the off chance PSE were to have their house in order in an area they are inexperienced, those bunkering fuel on ships or trucks may not.

The decisions you make to allow PSE to violate up to 6 provisions of their 2009 merger agreement will have a great bearing on both innocent lives, as well as the region's ratepayers. **The WUTC process related to Docket 151663 should absolutely be placed on hold until at least after these critical safety studies have been released & folks are able to analyze their meaning, as well as assess their sufficiency.**

Sincerely,

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On Wednesday, August 24, 2016 3:11 PM, "Rendahl, Ann (UTC)" <arendahl@utc.wa.gov> wrote:

[Mr. Brooke –](#)

Thank you for your email. As this case is currently in litigation before the Commission, and the commissioners will be making a decision in this matter based on the evidence and testimony presented in the case, it is not appropriate for the commissioners to communicate with interested persons and parties outside of the formal proceeding, unless all other parties are present. I am copying the administrative law judge presiding on this case, staff counsel on the case, and our Records Center so that your email may be included as part of the formal record in the proceeding.

If you have questions about the process of this case and how best to communicate your concerns, please contact the Assistant Attorneys General representing the Commission Staff in this proceeding, Mr. Brett Shearer or Ms. Sally Brown.

Thank you,

Ann E. Rendahl

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Subject: PSE Tacoma LNG Docket 151663

Dear WUTC Commissioners:

I wanted to urge you in the strongest of terms to delay any decisions related to allowing PSE to violate up to 6 provisions of their 2009 merger agreement by constructing the US's largest hybrid peaking/bunkering LNG refinery and storage facility within the urban core of the City of Tacoma in Pierce County.

In their 8/3/16 (quickly r/s) conference, which was just released around noon today by way of a records request, PSE cites 'fish' as the reason for wanting you to greatly speed things up, so they can quickly break ground in October 2016. I really question this claim. From my vantage, PSE has appealed in Pierce County Superior Court the release to the public of critical safety studies, which are so very relevant to the long term safety of so many. This appeal is set to be heard in January 2017, with a favorable outcome expected for citizens requesting these records. **The WUTC process related to Docket 151663 should absolutely be placed on hold until after these critical safety studies have been released and average citizens are able to analyze and understand their meaning, as well as determine their sufficiency.**

You may not be aware of this, but PSE is engaging in very sophisticated & expensive PR campaigns to circumvent public opposition, public processes and oversight. Their maneuvers involve deceptive push-polling, deceptive internet ads, constant outreach to local officials, a vague & objectively shoddy EIS, & a great deal of campaign cash. Yet PSE continues to refuse to meet with concerned citizens or provide meaningful, not whitewashed or greenwashed, answers to many safety questions. So much so, a City Councilman from Tacoma has now taken it upon himself to seek answers to some of these questions directly from PSE.

I can tell you many citizens are opposed to this project. An LNG facility the size of the Tacoma Dome presents an existential threat to the surrounding population. As awareness grows over the nature of this unregulated and unprecedented venture, as well as its risks to the public, I can tell you opposition & anger have grown. I don't know much about the WUTC or your internal processes--it's new and complex to me & I come to this issue as a private individual. What I do know after a career as the Director of Risk and Safety Management for one of the areas largest largest employers, is that LNG regulation is severely lacking & LNG refineries are best built away from human populations, as well as other combustible/flammables, such as the massive amounts of Bakken crude oil now stored adjacent to the proposed facility at the Port of Tacoma. Indeed, these were the 2 big lessons from the terrible 2004 LNG catastrophe in Algeria.

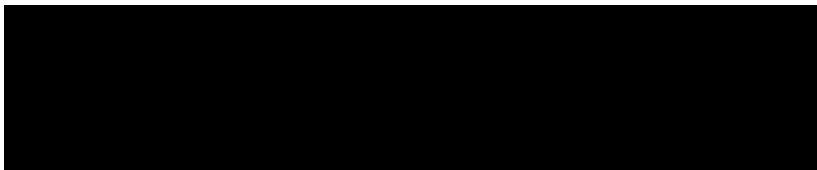
Thank you in advance for your time & thoughtful consideration of my request. Please advise if you have any questions or I can provide additional information. I have provided a cash of articles on this topic below. There are others. It is my sincere hope you place this process on hold until after the surrounding population & ratepayers have been afforded a level footing in this process.

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For further reading:

<http://redlinetacoma.org/sightlinevideo/>
[Our view: Those with nothing to hide, hide nothing](#)
[Tacoma Steering into Uncertain Waters](#)
[Tacoma's Proposed LNG Plant Raises Safety Concerns](#)





Tacoma's Proposed LNG Plant Raises Safety Concerns

Insufficient safeguards to govern facility.





Tacoma Steering into Uncertain Waters

Loopholes for hybrid LNG facility would set an alarming precedent.