

MILLENNIUM BULK TERMINALS - LONGVIEW
NEPA DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC MEETING - QUIET ROOM

4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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CLARK COUNTY EVENT CENTER

17402 N.E. Delfel Road

Ridgefield, Washington 98642

October 25, 2016

Heather Guevarra, CCR

Court Reporter

1 RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON; TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016

2 4:30 p.m.

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

18:19:32 5 SPEAKER 1: My name is Rhonda, R-H-O-N-D-A,

18:19:38 6 Hunter. I live in Little Rock, Washington State. My

18:19:45 7 ZIP code is 98556. I am retired from my career as an

18:19:52 8 ecosystem biologist.

18:20:00 9 I believe that coal trains are a danger to

18:20:06 10 the state of Washington. Adding 16 additional coal

18:20:11 11 trains a day would be a threat to Spokane, to the

18:20:19 12 Columbia River Gorge, to cities of Vancouver, and to

18:20:25 13 all of the places that rail traffic would clog roads,

18:20:33 14 emergency vehicles, and the train traffic of other

18:20:39 15 rail commerce.

18:20:49 16 I also believe that these coal trains would

18:20:54 17 be a danger to our world. 195 countries, just

18:21:04 18 basically all of them, agreed at the Paris Accord last

18:21:13 19 winter, we need to leave 80 percent of our fossil

18:21:19 20 fuels in the ground to prevent destroying a liveable

18:21:26 21 climate on our planet.

18:21:32 22 The good news is the International Energy

18:21:41 23 Agency, the IEA, just announced today that last year

18:21:47 24 in 2015 more energy globally was produced by wind and

18:21:57 25 solar than energy that was produced by coal. Coal is

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18:22:07 1 last centuries fuel. Wind and solar are cheaper than

18:22:17 2 coal energy in our country and in other countries

18:22:23 3 around the world. Coal burning is dangerous to human

18:22:31 4 health and to our livable climate.

18:22:41 5 Please take no action to export coal through

18:22:49 6 the Millennium Bulk Terminal in Longview.

18:54:10 7 SPEAKER 2: Thank you, Army Corps for giving

18:54:23 8 me the opportunity to speak today. My name is Rick

18:54:27 9 Marshall. I'm from Camas, Washington, one of the

18:54:29 10 upstream rail communities that will be negatively

18:54:32 11 impacted by this coal terminal proposal.

18:54:34 12 In Camas, I work as a real estate developer

18:54:36 13 and investor. I strongly encourage the Army Corps to

18:54:41 14 please consider the negative impacts of increased coal

18:54:42 15 train traffic in all communities. I'm sure other

18:54:47 16 speakers will detail many of those negative impacts to

18:54:51 17 our health, our local economies, and near rail

18:54:51 18 property values so I won't repeat them.

18:54:53 19 Instead let me offer a quick analysis of the

18:54:55 20 business viability of this project. Coal is a

18:54:59 21 declining industry and the demand of coal shows no

18:54:59 22 sign of rebounding. Coal is our least efficient and

18:55:05 23 most polluting energy source. The overwhelming
18:55:05 24 scientific consensus is that we should leave the vast
18:55:10 25 majority of coal reserves in the ground in order to

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18:55:12 1 have a chance at a continued habitable planet. This
18:55:16 2 isn't an opinion or conspiracy but carefully
18:55:20 3 accumulated scientific knowledge that has stood up to
18:55:20 4 vigorous scrutiny.

18:55:23 5 The market has weighed in and the dim future
18:55:25 6 for coal is reflected in the depressed price for coal
18:55:28 7 both domestically and internationally as well as my
18:55:33 8 poor investment in Transalta stock but, even at lower
18:55:35 9 prices, coal can't compete with the rapidly dropping
18:55:38 10 cost for clean renewable sources of power such as wind
18:55:40 11 and solar.

18:55:42 12 Additionally, wind, solar, and conservation
18:55:43 13 can be added to a grid incrementally and are much less
18:55:47 14 risky than new large power plants. No new coal power
18:55:50 15 plants are being built in the US, and we are rapidly
18:55:54 16 decommissioning existing plants because the economics
18:55:55 17 don't make sense.

18:55:56 18 It is only a matter of time before overseas
18:55:59 19 markets embrace the same brutal economic logic. China
18:56:04 20 may still be building coal plants but this is a
18:56:05 21 function of a distorted market with questionable

18:56:07 22 ownership and control and it's hard to envision a
18:56:11 23 scenario where China's growing middle class will
18:56:13 24 continue to accept hazardous levels of pollution or
18:56:16 25 China's inability to meet a highly international

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18:56:19 1 commitment.

18:56:19 2 With this in mind, I caution any local
18:56:22 3 decision makers to support this highly risky terminal
18:56:24 4 proposal. The proposed site is valuable and very
18:56:24 5 desirable property. It's just putting it to better
18:56:24 6 use.

18:56:33 7 Sincerely, Rick Marshall, 521 NE 17th Avenue,
18:56:36 8 Camas, Washington 98607.

9 (The proceedings concluded at 9:00 p.m.)

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4 I, Heather Guevarra, a Certified Court

5 Reporter for Washington, pursuant to RCW 5.28.010

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7 for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that

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19 of the whole thereof.

20 Witness my hand and CCR stamp at Vancouver,

21 Washington, this 8th day of November 2016.

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