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First some big facts. Big Coal is a dying industry, desperately attempting to foist its product on increasingly unreceptive nations. Chinese and Indian cities are choking on its pollution and as a consequence in an effort to survive are reducing reliance on coal consumption.

Analytical reports conclude that American export of coal to Asia faces a dim future. This is corroborated by plummeting demand overseas and shrinking investment in the US . It would appear that the Millennium project is a last gasp attempt to renew an unrealistic hope.

1. The Environment

In the building of the Millennium Terminal the Port of Longview facilitates CO2 emissions. CO2 knows no boundaries. Global warming, its consequences, are in my opinion the most critical factor in determining the worlds future livability. How can this not be weighed mightily into any comprehensive DIES.

2. Jobs

There are so many convincing reasons to reject The Millennium proposal and only one to support it – Jobs.

Huge port terminal operations are largely automated, so there is no employment bonanza anywhere close to compensating for the negative impacts of the Longview Terminal project when one includes its rail supply.

I am an ardent supporter of labor and jobs. It is painful for me to listen to workers testify on this subject however there are other ways of creating jobs- other ways of utilizing the Port of Kelso site with less risk than accommodating a collapsing coal company and greater opportunity for employing workers. What are needed are imagination, rigorous enterprise and redirection.

I make a counter proposal: Think hard and work fast on retraining for and production of alternative energy - a field competitive now, accelerating in growth and pregnant with new ideas for the future. In this context the Millennium Terminal continues the past disastrously while green energy opens the future opportunistically.

3. The Great Imbalance

A few jobs at the Port of Kelso versus a huge body of negative impacts with regard to human health, community disruption in traffic delay , overstress on rail capacity for other

commodity transport, and threat and degradation to the Columbia Gorge with its beauty to mention a few. **THERE IS NO BALANCE HERE.**

The Millennium jobs, (when there are alternatives) in no way compensates for the cost that terminal and its supply trains impose on a vast region, its inhabitants and finally on the world at large. How can this be disputed?



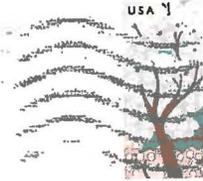
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