

1 MILLENNIUM BULK TERMINALS - LONGVIEW
2 SEPA DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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4 PUBLIC MEETING - QUIET ROOM

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2 5:00 p.m.

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

5 SPEAKER 1: My name is Jeremy Zutter,
6 Z-U-T-T-E-R, and I am testifying on my account
7 according to the train and coal exports today.

8 It's my findings that it is fundamental that
9 we move forward in no coal exports and that the
10 opposition is derived from privatized profiteering.
11 According to the populous in which I've just exposed
12 myself today, the significance was that the
13 individuals who were collected in support of coal and
14 the terminal were very violent and rude and harassing
15 and didn't have an agenda for the greater humanity or
16 our culture and consciousness as a collective, and the
17 populous that are representing and collected
18 organically around the no coal export were very
19 welcoming and have an interest that is for the greater
20 good of all. That statement alone says a lot about
21 the evidence of what the issue is in itself based on
22 social behavior and its findings.

23 The pollution is a serious concern for us to
24 address. The greatest issues beyond coal is the
25 trains and one significant attribute I'd like to

1 acknowledge is the noise and vibrations of the trains.

2 BNSF is notorious for not maintenancing their
3 trains, for being liars, deceivers, and solely driven
4 by their private profiteering.

5 The community in Spokane where I reside is
6 constantly under noise terrorism from the trains due
7 to lack of maintenance, constant horn blowing, and
8 it's passing through the community area. This affects
9 the consciousness, mental health, and wellness of our
10 families and persons of the community.

11 This issue is greater than just the coal.
12 However, in addressing the coal issue, is it very
13 clear and a strong support in no coal export in this
14 reference is my testimony today.

15 SPEAKER 2: My name is W. Thomas Soeldner
16 T-H-O-M-A-S, S-O-E-L-D-N-E-R. I am opposed to this
17 coal terminal for a number of reasons.

18 First of all, I think it makes absolutely no
19 sense for us to continue using coal as any kind of
20 primary resource given the clear evidence that it is
21 promoting global warming and health risks as well as
22 damaging our environment in other ways as well.

23 Particularly for people in Spokane, there is
24 the danger of the railcars coming through. We do not
25 have adequate fire and emergency protection for the

1 trains. I don't believe the number of trains that are
2 projected, if the terminal is approved, could even
3 come through Spokane in a single day.

4 Secondly, I'm very concerned about our
5 waterways. The trains follow waterways, the Columbia
6 River in particular. The coal dust from that, there's
7 clear evidence and studies have been done to
8 demonstrate that it pollutes.

9 I also do not understand people who talk
10 about the jobs that it will bring to Washington
11 because the number of jobs is relatively small and
12 they are not jobs that are going to remain because
13 coal is not going to remain as a resource in the
14 future.

15 For all of those reasons, it makes no sense
16 for the coal terminal to be approved or for us to
17 continue to transport coal through the state of
18 Washington. Thank you.

19 SPEAKER 3: I have been an avid outdoor
20 recreationalist my whole life and have witnessed what
21 I firmly believe are changes in our climate over the
22 last 20 years. As a responsible citizen and father of
23 two children, it is my moral and ethical obligation to
24 stand up to any industry that is contributing to
25 global warming.

1 Coal is an energy source of the past. I say
2 no more to coal and stand strongly against coal
3 exports.

4 SPEAKER 4: My name is Curt Crane. I want to
5 make a statement about this.

6 We need the jobs for the future of our
7 families, people that want to work. This coal dust
8 years ago, yes, it was a problem. Now there's such a
9 safeguard to keep the dust down in transportation but
10 it's a lot cleaner.

11 I prefer to have coal or gas, natural gas
12 that is, or would you rather have nuclear waste sites?
13 Almost every nuclear waste site for energy has been
14 shut down because of the water or the coolant has
15 leaked. We know this. Three Mile Island is a good
16 example. There's a place down there in California,
17 St. Humphrey, something like that, it was built and
18 never was used. It's right on the coast of the water.
19 Good example.

20 So they revert back to coal. Coal is the end
21 result. Yes, we'll run out of coal but all of this
22 impact of studies of what it's doing in China or
23 Japan, who cares about them. Let them worry about it.
24 They're buying it from us. We need the money to keep
25 the health system going for everybody.

1 I do believe that the coal and the rail
2 system and the shippers make it more safer to ship, to
3 utilize for the end product for everybody's use.

4 We all profit from it. Everything that we
5 wear, we use, everything is either heated, boiled,
6 cooked, almost everything has some type of petroleum
7 product and coal is a mineral that is converted into
8 also a petroleum product. So everything you use or
9 deal with is used by, produced, or a part of coal, and
10 transportation is the biggest factor. I'd rather have
11 it run on rail than in trucks because trucks, yes,
12 there's a lot of them that are safe but do you ever
13 see a lot of accidents? There's not that many
14 derailments of coal or trains for that matter.

15 So I do believe that we need, especially
16 Washington State, we need to keep the jobs here, not
17 going to other countries where, yes, it's cheaper
18 wages for the people, but we need the jobs here and
19 let's keep them here. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER 5: My name is Teresa Nevins. It is
21 said that our children come first, that our children
22 are our most important resource yet coal burning
23 pollution containing mercury sulfide carbons harm the
24 health of children. This pollution causes respiratory
25 disease like asthma which can be life threatening.

1 If we export even more coal, we are saying we
2 don't care about the health of our children or their
3 lives. Actions speak louder than words. Let's put
4 our children's lives ahead of big profit for just a
5 few people. Thank you.

6 SPEAKER 6: My name is Carol Ellis. In the
7 built environment section, one, I believe they need to
8 add an accounting for city centers, all of the city
9 centers minimally from state line all the way through
10 Spokane, Pasco, and to Longview minimally.

11 An accounting for all highly populated
12 entities such as hospitals, schools, federal
13 buildings, city halls, wherever there's high density
14 populations. I think they need to account for that
15 because in the -- I proposed having an infrastructure
16 section, a new infrastructure section, and in the
17 infrastructure section, I think they should have
18 frequency models for other users such as agriculture
19 and Amtrak because the EIS itself explicitly says that
20 currently the system from the Idaho line clear to
21 Longview can't meet the rail traffic needs currently.
22 It explicitly says that. So it needs in that
23 infrastructure section account frequency of other
24 users.

25 It needs to have mathematical models for

1 derailments especially near city centers and
2 waterways. It needs infrastructure science where heat
3 and freezing are most likely to occur in the rails,
4 where wind may affect dust and particulates, and also
5 in the design section under infrastructure where
6 slopes and curves most likely require reduced speeds.

7 In other words, I want the EIS to address the
8 transport from the state line all the way through
9 Washington to Longview from a safety point of view.
10 That's what infrastructure new section is about, and I
11 spoke to have the number of trestles and bridges
12 examined for weakness, and I spoke to having the
13 riverways, lakes, aquifers, and aquifer sources as
14 part of this mapping of the infrastructure section.

15 Furthermore, under derailments, if you go
16 online to a website called DOT911reader, you can find
17 out how many derailments have occurred in 2015 and
18 '16. When these derailments occurred -- I'm not going
19 to spell them all out. We're talking 31 cars, 27
20 cars, 15 cars in the center of a city or alongside a
21 river or, you know, industrial area where there are
22 other toxins that are around that it could interact
23 with or two trains that collide. There's just so
24 many. I think there needs to be mathematical models
25 so we really do have a scientific understanding of the

1 total number of adverse impacts we could be facing
2 because they're going to increase with the increase in
3 traffic that we know the system is not designed to
4 take. They said so in the EIS. I think that's about
5 it.

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

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