

Jean M. Avery – Longview Testimony – May 24, 2016

I would like to comment on the proposed Millennium coal terminal, which some people support because of jobs for Longview.

According to the draft environmental impact statement, “at full operation, the Applicant intends to employ 135 people.”¹

In my view, building a coal terminal for 135 long-term jobs would be like posting a “Now Hiring” sign on the Titanic.

The draft EIS clearly states that this project would cause “unavoidable and significant” adverse impacts to the environment. More specifically:

- Climate change impacts ... would be considered permanent.²
- Mitigation measures ... would reduce but not eliminate the greenhouse gas emissions.³

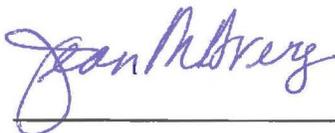
Yes, jobs matter to individuals and communities. However, I believe that civic leaders could better serve their constituents by promoting clean energy jobs. And there are some encouraging examples of this growing trend:

- 2.5 million clean energy jobs in the U.S.⁴
- A 17-fold increase in U.S. solar installations.⁵
- A 16-fold increase in wind energy capacity between 2000 and 2010.⁶
- Several cities pledging 100% clean-energy goals.⁷

I think *The Columbian* said it well in its May 13 editorial (and I quote): “While jobs and tax revenue are essential, so is clean air and clean water. A strong economy and a clean environment are not diametrically opposed notions, and Washington should move toward the economy of the future.”

I would hope that decision-makers and residents of Longview can find a **BOTH-AND** solution: providing **both jobs and** protection of our environment.

Thank you.



¹ page S-13 and 3.2-23

² page S-39

³ page S-39 and Table S-2

⁴ According to Natural Resources Defense Council

⁵ According to the U.S. Department of Energy

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⁷ For more information, see www.readyfor100.org.

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