

My name is Larry Horst. I reside in Kelso.

The saying "don't bite the hand that feeds you" comes to mind when I consider the Millennium Terminal surrounding the most vital business in Cowlitz County, BPA. This company provides the public power we all depend upon.... ironically even Millennium. I worked for BPA for 30 years, retiring as the Electrical Maintenance Supervisor (Electrical Foreman III) at the Longview Substation.

BPA's highly intricate and extensive equipment would directly adjoin the terminal. In my opinion, it defies logic to think that NONE of the openly stored 44 million metric tons of conductive coal dust will ever be carried by prevailing westerly winds causing a loss of power, equipment, fire, explosion or injury to employees. This indispensable public service should be allowed to operate unencumbered by Millennium.

While dust is a major issue, so too is access. The mile and a half long coal trains blocking BPA's only access every 1½ hours, 24/7, is a safety and logistic nightmare. Millennium's mitigation for this blocked access is a 2½ mile detour around the coal terminal plus opening a minimum of two security gates. This additional travel time creates a delayed response to an emergency, and in the event of an accident or heat attack, this could result in the unacceptable difference of life or death. **Minutes matter!**

I request the final EIS address our communities' priorities concerning these two companies. Millennium provides a product foreign countries use, whereas BPA provides a product that 100% of Cowlitz County residents and businesses need and use.

I therefore support the No Action Alternative.

Thank you,



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