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Fwd: Long view statement

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Individual comment detail Name: Akins, Judith Date: October 18, 2013 City: Bellingham Part: Multiple/not listed Human environment: Noise, Air quality, Human health, Traffic or safety, Other human environment topic Natural environment: Wildlife or vegetation, Marine species, fish or fisheries, Wetlands or streams, Water quality, Other natural environment topic EIS process: Area of potential effect Combined NEPA/SEPA About this EIS I live in Bellingham and as a citizen of the world I agree with the comment of Angie Ponder made in the Cherry Point comment period, which I have included as follows and I quote:

" I would like to request that you include in EIS study of the proposed Millennium Terminal in Longview , an analysis of cumulative effects using the main principles outlined in the National Environmental Protection Agency's Report - Considering Cumulative Effects Under NEPA (Table 1-2, Chapter 1.)

This report states: "Evidence is increasing that the most devastating environmental effects may result not from the direct effects of a particular action, but from the combination of individually minor effects of multiple actions over time. The fact that the human environment continues to change in unintended and unwanted ways in spite of improved federal decision making resulting from the implementation of NEPA is largely attributable to this incremental (cumulative) impact."

As outlined in the report (Table 1-5, chapter 1, page 10), scoping for Cumulative Effects Analysis requires: 1.) Identification of the significant cumulative effects issues associated with the

proposed action, as well as 2.) identification of other actions affecting the resources, ecosystems and human communities of concern.

Please determine whether or not a scientifically sound EIS can reasonably isolate the environmental impacts of the proposed coal terminal from other actions and activities necessarily associated with it, namely the mining, transport and eventual combustion of coal transported to and from the facility.

If environmental impacts from the mining, transport, and combustion of that coal are determined to be outside the scope of the EIS for this project, the public should be provided with a detailed account for the reasoning behind that determination. An EIS that excludes consideration of the end result of the mining and transportation of coal (i.e. the combustion of coal) is not likely to meet NEPA criteria that it be "meaningful," as it will not take into account the ways in which energy production derived from coal contribute to ocean acidification, global warming, and the rise of sea levels, all of which are likely to have significant impacts on regional ecosystems and human communities.

Specifically, when determining the scope of the EIS, please ask whether the proposed action, and activities related to it, involve any of the following cumulative effects issues:

- long range transport of air pollutants resulting in ecosystem acidification or eutrophication - air emissions resulting in degradation of regional air quality - release of greenhouse gases resulting in climate modification - loading large water bodies with discharges of toxic pollutants (oil spill, coal dust) - recovery and disposal of hazardous wastes (oil spill, coal dust) - mobilization of persistent or bioaccumulated substances through the food chain - loss of biological diversity If it is determined that impacts from these cumulative effects cannot be mitigated, please choose the No Action alternative to the proposal.

Furthermore, these are world wide companies, seeking to increase their wealth in a worldwide market. Yet they want to control the public's view of this project to a very limited scope. They want us to look at the jobs they will create but not the dirty and sick people and environment they leave in their wake. Secondly, I do want jobs but why are we willing to take a short sighted view of keeping hundreds of people employed for maybe 5 years! [REDACTED]. Maybe we should take a page from Roosevelt and recreate the CCC and put our workers creating a good wholesome environment for all of us to enjoy and let the global polluters foot the bill.

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