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Re: Millennium Bulk Terminal Proposal

My name is Stephen Hulick and I live in Clark County. I'm a member of the PowerPastCoal coalition. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. All possible impacts should be investigated, in order that a comprehensive EIS can be created.

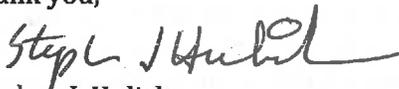
Impacts include:

1. Pollution of air, water and ground from the open rail car transport of over 1,000 miles. Please consider the lawsuit in Federal Court by The Sierra Club and others against Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad of June 5, 2013, over violation of the Clean Water Act.
2. Disruption of local traffic, including police, Amtrak, and emergency services by the additional approximately 25 miles of coal trains per day in all communities along the routes.
3. The danger of spills and derailments, especially in the Columbia River Gorge, considering the proven inability of industry to truly clean up after accidents.
4. Negative effect on property values within communities along the routes.
5. At Longview site, negative effects on air, water and ground from the handling of coal.
6. Danger of maritime accident in the Columbia River and at entrance to the Pacific Ocean.
7. Impact of proposal on human health.
8. Millions of dollars in public funding that Cowlitz County would be obligated to pay to upgrade rail system to accommodate proposed project.

If this proposal is permitted, we would be furnishing coal to plants in the far east that do not meet minimum U.S. emissions standards for new coal fired plants. U.S. residents would be subjected, due to prevailing easterly winds, to the resulting pollution from U.S. coal.

Coal is the dirtiest fossil fuel, whose use will soon cease in the U.S. We should stop the give away of coal from public lands, leave the coal in the ground, and not contribute to increased carbon emissions in the atmosphere and increased poisoning of the oceans and United States by mercury and other toxins produced by coal. This is an imperative goal, as stated by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its recent report.

Thank you,


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