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Comment on FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG

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To: Larine Moore

U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34),

Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply,

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Dear Ms. Moore:

I am writing to ask that you reject Pieridae Energy's application to build the Goldboro LNG Export Facility in Nova Scotia, Docket No. 14-179-LNG. Exporting domestically-sourced natural gas is not in the public interest; on the contrary, it will result in higher gas prices for New England, in stark contrast to Spectra Energy's promise that its proposed AIM, Atlantic Bridge, and Access Northeast projects will provide New England with an abundant supply of cheap natural gas.

The people of Pennsylvania will bear the impacts of the escalation of fracking that these projects will inevitably create on air and water quality, public health and safety, quality of life, property values, etc. The people of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and my home state of Rhode Island will be exposed to additional noise and air pollution, along with increased risk of health impacts and even explosions. And the world will run an increased risk of runaway, catastrophic global warming.

But the promised benefits—lower gas prices, energy security, and energy independence—will fail to materialize because much of the gas will be shipped overseas, and New England customers will be forced to pay more for gas in order to compete with foreign buyers.

I further ask that you extend the comment period, which was very poorly publicized. Indeed, no one in our 4-state coalition of grassroots groups opposing the AIM project was aware of the application till just a few days ago. This creates a strong appearance of intentional secrecy, given that the export of fracked gas is generally an unpopular proposition and that, once the public is aware of these plans, the ostensible rationale for building these pipelines will be undermined.

I urge you to protect the interest of the public whom you serve and extend the comment period by an additional 60 days so that there can be meaningful input from those who will be impacted by the project; I further urge you to reject the project, as it will serve the interests of the companies involved but NOT those of the general public.

Sincerely Yours,

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