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This project is not in the public interest. We should not be exporting LNG. Natural gas sells for 3 to 4 times as much in foreign markets, driving up the domestic prices here, and natural gas exports also lower our supply available for domestic use, weakening the American economy.

Furthermore, natural gas (methane) is a greenhouse gas 86 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>. Recent studies show that leaks of gas from drilling, transmission and distribution make it no better for the global environment than coal. We should not be encouraging the use of methane here or abroad. We should be transitioning urgently and completely to renewables.

The project will also have extensive negative impacts in the New England area. The permit application should be evaluated based on the full life cycle of the gas from extraction, processing, transportation, shipping, liquefaction, re-gasification, and consumption. The full life cycle of the gas creates adverse impacts upon hundreds of American communities and thousands of Americans living upstream of this project. Residents living near the extraction fields as well as residents living along interstate transmission pipeline infrastructure face adverse health impacts, water contamination, air pollution, depletion of property values, noise, heavy truck traffic, loss of forests, wetlands, and parklands, creation of radioactive waste, soil depletion, loss of wildlife, general environmental degradation, and adverse impacts on local business sectors sensitive to environmental quality such as agriculture and tourism.

For all the above reasons, the permit application should be denied.

Thank you.

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