August 19, 2013

Andrew Stamp, Hearings Officer
c/o Jill Rolfe, Coos County Planning Director
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RE: Written testimony for August 20, 2013 public hearing on appeals: Appeal file numbers AP-13-01 and AP-13-02; Application file No. SP-12-02

Dear Mr. Stamp:

The purpose of the Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO), as stated in Section 1.1.200, item 12, is to implement the Coos County Comprehensive Plan by “Promoting and protecting the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare”. I have serious concerns that this project may put the safety of the citizens of Coos County at risk for the following reasons:

1. **Tsunami Risk:** The project is being built in a tsunami zone. Significant loss of property and life will likely result in the event of a major tsunami. The current siting of the project and Land Development Ordinance provisions do not adequately address tsunami risk. This is not acceptable for an LNG project of this scope.

2. **Accident/Terrorism Risk:** Jon Wellinghoff, the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), voted against FERC approval of the import terminal, in part, because of its proximity to the North Bend airport due to the risk of a major explosion from terrorism or accident. It is not prudent to site a LNG terminal so close to an airport.

3. **Aviation Safety:** It is unclear at this time if the location of the power plant will result in hazards to flight, air navigation or public health, safety and welfare due to structure height, steam or dust and other hazards. Exhibit 7 of the Planning Director’s report (April 17, 2013 letter from Frank Whipple to Mark Whitlow regarding compliance with FAA regulations) vaguely states that “it is our opinion that the applicant is not legally precluded from complying with applicable FAA regulations in order to construct the power plant on the proposed site on the North Spit in Coos Bay”. The process for obtaining compliance with FAA regulations should be transparent with full public disclosure of any potential hazard to flight resulting from the construction or operation of the power plant.

It is my hope that your recommendation to the Coos County Board of Commissioners will take citizen safety into account.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Barker