
This statement is to register our objection to approval of the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline as an export project.

We are taxpaying citizens of Coos County with property and our home in the proximity of the proposed Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline site, in Haynes Inlet, North Bend, Oregon.

We respectfully submit this statement as input regarding File Nos. HBCU-13-02 & HBCU-13-04 and the related public hearing scheduled for September 20, 2013.

As taxpaying citizens of Coos County, we rely on the Coos County planning Department and its Planning Director to apply planning criteria and use available authority to interpret Ordinances and Criteria to protect and preserve valuable natural resources of importance to Coos County citizens. Additionally, the highest priority should be the rights of Coos County citizens to access services required for safety, health, and economic viability.

Specifically Applicable Criteria of Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance LDO and Coos County Comprehensive Plan CCCP include:

LDO  1.3.300 (A)
LDO  4.8.300
LDO  4.8.700
LDO  4.8750
LDO  4.5180
LDO  4.5.546 (15) (a)
LDO  4.6.215
LDO  4.6.230(4)
LDO  4.6.235
LDO  1.3.300

Recommendation:

This is to request that the local government deny the final approval of the proposed export pipeline siting based on the following issues which were inadequately addressed by the

Exhibit: 11
Date: 9/20/13
applicant, Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP.

1. Inadequate Contingency Plan in Event of Export Pipeline Failure

    My research indicates that the pipeline will pass under Highway 101 and the Haynes Inlet Bridge which is the vital North/South link for trucking, emergency services, fire protection, Coos Bay North Bend Water Board Services, commerce, tourism, worker access to jobs, school bus routes, and other necessary activities. My property/home is near this location.

    Failure to adequately address the fact that the pipeline project has shifted from import to export with additional pressure on the sections of the pipeline proposed to pass through the Haynes Inlet area are of great concern. Pipeline failure in or near the proposed Haynes Inlet site could disrupt Highway 101, whether due to natural causes, pipeline materials failure, traffic accident, terrorist activity, fire, or other contingency. Highway disruption would directly cut off vital services to my property/home and the hundreds of other families living north of the site location.

    Consider:

    Fire department services unable to travel north on Highway 101.

    Access to medical services such as Bay Area Hospital cut off;

    Access to Life Flight and airport services cut off;

    Coos Bay North Bend Water unavailable north of the Inlet;

    Access to other goods and services in the North Bend, Coos Bay area, unavailable.

No one wants to consider this type of situation but pipeline events do occur.

The application appears to overlook any contingency plan to address such a situation.

2. Estuary Restoration:

    The applicant fails to provide adequate consideration and proposed restoration plans for any damage or disruption during pipeline construction or pipeline failure through Haynes Inlet which is a valuable estuary resource which hosts rich tide flats with aquatic life, fish runs, and migratory and local bird populations. Methods to protect this area during proposed pipeline construction are essential.