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Hearing Officer Stamp:

I am submitting these comments to Hearings Officer Stamp regarding a request by Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, for Coos County Planning Director Approval for an extension to a Conditional Use Permit. I am speaking to the Appeal (AP-20-001) of The Planning Director's approval of the extension request.

I would like to ask for an extension of time for submission of additional testimony regarding AP-20-001 beyond the hearing date of December 18, 2020. The hearing being placed during the holiday season has been a burden, along side the CoVid pandemic and it's attendant issues. I request that the timeline be extended to January 8, 2021.

The Planning Director of Coos County should not grant this extension of a conditional use permit. The applicant states that the reason that prevented the applicant from beginning or continuing development within the approval period and that the applicant is not responsible for this delay is the necessity to obtain certain Federal, State and local permits. Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline (PCGP) is responsible for the delay because they, in good faith have not re-applied for State permits that were denied because of failure to meet criteria.

The County should be aware that PCGP does not intend to re-apply and meet the criteria for DEQ and CZMA permits which were denied, and DSL permit, which was withdrawn January 2020. Instead of attempting in good faith to meet environmental criterion regarding water use and land use, PCGP is attempting to go above the State level of protections to appeal to the Secretary of Commerce and for him to override the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's objections in the interest of "National Security."

It is difficult to understand why the County continues to pander to this Jordan Cove Energy Company and PCGP when the State and thousands and thousands of Oregon residents do not want this project, do not believe that this Project will take care of the water, land and environment. The County should not be giving extensions to the PCGP, a foreign company that has nothing to do with "national security," and seeks to avoid criteria required in State permits, which state standards of care for the environment, clean water and land preservation

The applicant has misrepresented that it is obtaining permits. The applicant has not been diligent in attempting to obtain State permits, and indeed does not need the permits, demonstrated by its Appeal to the Secretary of Commerce. Therefore, PCGP is responsible for the delay.

The County should also be aware that the extensions impose tremendous hardship on the landowners along the alignments. The landowners have not consented to this application. The County should be aware that these landowners are being held hostage to these extensions, when the applicant may not and for some segments will not obtain federal approval to build the pipeline proposed. FERC has not approved a portion of the route of this extension request. The landowners are unable to fully use or sell their property because they live under the threat of eminent domain, or knowledge of which route FERC may approve. The County should prevent further damage to property owners by denying this extension, and inform the applicant to reapply when it knows which alignment FERC does approve.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Dodds

Written testimony emailed to Coos County Planning Department December 18, 2020, followed by a hard copy via US mail.