Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a comment on recent applications to export fracked gas, the very flawed analysis conducted by NERA, and the adverse impact that exporting fracked gas would have on myself, the public in general, and the environment.

Personally, the prospect of rising domestic gas prices is a threat to my well-being, as I am retired, on a fixed income. This is the case for many people, out of work in a depressed economy, who will incur increased costs of living for the enrichment of a few who own energy stocks, or plants. Rising gas prices would hurt not only manufacturers, but all consumers relying on affordable natural gas in their homes. It is very difficult to see how this could possibly be in the public interest.

Personally, I live in an area that is environmentally fragile, where gas pipelines and an export terminal will disrupt the nascent tourist industry, fishing, water sports and the small oyster industry, which I am invested in. This is to say nothing of the depletion and pollution of surface and ground water resources in the areas of fracking wells, an expensive clean up job for generations to come. According to New York Times Magazine, November 17, 2011, people living near fracking operations cope with contaminated—even flammable—drinking water, cancer-causing air pollution, massive open pits full of toxic wastewater, chemical spills, and pipeline explosions. Some residents have even found fracking chemicals and heavy metals in their blood. It is very difficult to see how this could possibly be in the public interest.

Personally, I am requesting that the DOE fully evaluate all regional impacts of the proposed export terminals, and the actual impacts on American consumers and businesses of exporting American LNG to other countries. Are we looking to build their infrastructures instead of ours? Our nation’s natural gas advantage would be squandered and sent overseas, instead of building up the manufacturing base in America. It is very difficult to see how this could possibly be in American public interest.

Let me call your attention to Senator Wydens letter of Jan, 10, 2013, to the DOE, with which I am in total accord. All LNG export proposals must meet the test of being truly in the public interest, prior to their approval.

Sincerely,

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Teach children a lesson, they learn for a day.
Teach children how to learn, they learn for a lifetime.