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After reviewing the Executive summary of the study designed to answer the question of whether LNG is in the public interest, I was relieved to realize there was no need to read the entire report. Contrary to the conclusions of this ideologically biased "independent" research group, it clearly is not. Their bias is betrayed in their statement that the "free market" always produces a net benefit. Really?

The report indicates that the chief beneficiaries of the profits from the industry will be investors and operators of the large energy corporations doing the work of building the transport system and supplying the gas. At the same time, prices will rise for small manufacturers and people on fixed incomes that depend on natural gas. This is hardly a net benefit to the public. As usual, the costs go to those least able to afford it and the benefits to those who least need it.

The Executive summary (as I recall it) also failed to account for the loss of property value by landowners who will only be compensated for the value of land on which the pipe will pass. This does not consider the effects of having property cut up by the pipe, making free use of the land much less available by farmers and ranchers.

If DOE concludes that benefiting corporations and investors over average Americans is "in the public interest," we will know who this government works for. This issue cuts across ideological lines and you can bet such a decision will not go unnoticed or unanswered.

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