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Comments: I oppose the proposed natural gas pipeline ["Proposal"] because its costs far outweigh its benefits.

We all know that natural gas [ie, methane, CH₄, which over time becomes CO₂] is a extremely potent green house gas, that global warming is due to man made emissions of CO₂ and other GHGs and is currently about 1.2 degrees C over pre-industrial levels, is climbing fast, and that therefore we have to cut our emissions of GHGs as rapidly as possible to avoid catastrophic global warming. Yet this Proposal cuts the other way - it downplays the risks of warming, it dismisses and ignores this known danger.

The Proposal is merely to allow a natural gas company to make money by enlarging or extending its methane gas sales. The Proposal is plainly contrary to the public interest and is not demonstrably necessary.

This Proposal fails to fully detail and address the costs and burdens associated with extending this Pipeline on the environment and public health, but it is obvious and clear that such would significantly increase as an immediate and direct result of this Pipeline.

It will obviously increase methane gas delivery, use and emissions at both pumping stations, well heads, and pipeline leaks as well as at the user end. Power stations using natural gas report high CO₂ emissions in the millions of tons per year.

For these reasons, this Proposal must be denied.