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I write regarding Docket #349, Global Partners proposal to purchase nine oil tanks and an oil pipeline connecting the tanks to a dock on the Columbia River.

I understand that Oregon Public Utilities Commission has the final say on whether Global Partners can purchase the massive oil storage tanks from a neighboring industrial site at Port Westward, near Clatskanie, Oregon.

I respectfully request that my statement in this email be entered as an objection to that purchase. Risking environmental and human damage along the mighty Columbia River is not consistent with the public interest.

Oil tanks and oil pipelines all leak and all cause environmental damage. It is not a question of "if" they will leak, it is a question of "when" they will leak. There is not a single case that proves otherwise.

Earth is in peril, a global warming crisis brought on by human extraction and use of fossil fuels. The US made commitments at the Paris Agreement to lower carbon emissions. And though the current US president recently withdrew from the Paris Agreements, the State of Oregon has made a decision to join other states in fulfilling those climate commitments made at the Paris Agreement.

State of Oregon commitment to lower emissions in accord with the Paris Agreement makes the decision for Oregon Public Utilities Commission quite clear. Oregon State is choosing to end dependence on fossil fuels and moving toward renewable sources of energy. Logically, this is a mandate for Oregon Public Utilities Commission to deny Global Partners proposal for massive expansion of oil infrastructure and a return to the oil-by-rail business.

Though I do not live in Oregon, I live just north in Washington State. The decisions of your state affect life in my state. And both of our states have just this past week joined in a coalition to reduce fossil fuel emissions and strive to keep climate temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius.

Please make your decision in the interest of honoring the Paris Agreements. Oil terminals and oil-by-rail threaten public safety, clean water, and our climate.

Block the oil-tank-farm sale.

Thank you.

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