

March 26, 2014

To :Yukon Utilities Board

Re: YEC's proposed LNG facility and the YUB public hearings.

I do not support the addition of YEC's proposed LNG facility. I believe this is the wrong direction for the Territory to go. There is enough evidence that the use of LNG could have devastating effects on the environment and our future economy for us to look to other, more viable options. The Yukon is, albeit by default, on target for meeting the targets set out by Canada in the Kyoto Protocol. This is an excellent demonstration of leadership which the development of LNG promises to threaten.

Yukon residents have already spoken up, and continue to speak out. We have requested the development of renewable energy, demand side management and biomass. We are informed and know that wind energy is a good fit for the territory and that LNG is not.

I believe we should invest now in infrastructure that will generate much cleaner energy than LNG. I believe that developing a LNG facility will open the territory up to resource extraction that is unsustainable, unsafe and insecure. LNG is a short term solution with long term, negative implications. I do not want the debt and remediation that ensues to fall to our children.

I believe that reliance on LNG will result in more law suits against the Yukon Government by First Nations and other entities and I do not wish for my tax money to be spent in this way, nor do I wish to see relationships between Yukon Government and First Nations governments and the public further eroded by a process that does not reflect our interests.

I am hopeful that these hearings will result in action that is reflective of what the public is saying and that we can move forward with a much more sustainable plan.

Please recommend to Yukon Government that YEC's proposed LNG project not proceed.

Regards,

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