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Planning & Sustainability Commission
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Portland, OR 97201

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the amendment to allow for elevated pipeline infrastructure at the proposed Pembina propane export facility at Port of Portland's Terminal 6.

I represent the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, or "PNWA". PNWA is non-profit based here in Portland, and comprised of over 130 public ports, towboat companies, steamship operators, agriculture and forest products producers, public utilities, manufacturers and others in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Our members join together to address navigation, transportation, trade, energy, regulatory and environmental policies. The Port of Portland is a member of our association. A full list of our membership is attached to this testimony.

The Columbia Snake River System is a critical part of the nation's navigation portfolio, providing benefits not just to the Pacific Northwest, but far into the heartland of our country. The Columbia River is the top gateway for the export of wheat from the United States, and second for soy. When you consider all the grains moving on our system, the Columbia/Snake is the third largest grain export gateway in the world. We are also tops on the West Coast for wood exports and mineral bulk exports. We are an export heavy system, including significant quantities of Oregon goods, and play an important role in balancing the nation's trade deficit. The river system supports over 40,000 jobs in our region.

In 2010, the region celebrated the completion of the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project. The federal government, the states of Oregon and Washington, and ports on the Lower Columbia River invested over \$183 million to deepen the Columbia River navigation channel to 43 feet. The purpose of this project was to make the river system more marketable, and to bring new business and jobs to our region, including Portland. Channel deepening has solidified the Columbia Snake River System's position as one of the nation's leading international trade gateways.

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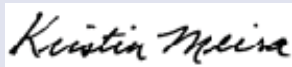
Now that we have improved our navigation infrastructure, we are seeing tremendous investment in ports and terminals up and down the Columbia/Snake. Entities on both sides of the river are embracing the new opportunities related to emerging markets and the increased competitiveness of our river system. The facility proposed at Port of Portland will be able to take advantage of the tremendous federal investments that have been made in the Columbia River and that continue to be made so our region can prosper. In addition, new investment in our river system brings additional cargo and tonnage volumes which in turn allow our region to better compete for federal infrastructure funding.

As our region continues to struggle with unemployment and a slowly recovering economy, it is imperative that we allow our ports and facilities to fully leverage the investments taxpayers have already made in our transportation infrastructure. The \$500M investment proposed by Pembina would create 800 good-paying construction jobs and 30-40 permanent family-wage jobs in the Portland metro area. In addition, \$12-15 million would be generated in local property taxes, as well as lease payments to the Port of Portland. Approving the proposed amendment and allowing the Pembina project to move forward will clearly result in more opportunities and jobs for our local residents.

For over 80 years, PNWA has advocated for the region's navigation projects and broader regional economic development. We have promoted the river system since 1934 because of the jobs and economic opportunity it provides for Northwest communities. We respect and support the agency's thorough review process, and encourage you to support the proposed amendment and allow the facility to move forward.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,



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