

Dear Commissioners:

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I am writing to protest the Pembina contention that BLEVE type events are not likely or even possible in regard to the transport of LPG. One needs only to look at the current rash of derailments across Canada and the US, substitute propane-filled cars for crude oil tankers, and imagine a fire from a punctured propane tanker heating up a mash of other derailed tank cars. Notice that nearly all of these fires have been left to 'burn themselves out' because the fires are basically unapproachable and there is no known method for extinguishing them. The notion that Portland should only be concerned with Portland's safety is ludicrous and downright selfish. These 'bomb trains' are rolling through unsuspecting towns and cities all across the continent, night and day. It is truly only a matter of time and chance until one of these propane trains leaves the tracks in a spectacular way. The possibility that green, 'climate champion' Portland might have been that trains' destination lends a bitter irony to the scenario.

As it becomes clearer that unsafe tracks, cars and the scramble for speed and profit are trumping safety, I believe we should consider the possibility that there is no safe way to transport these volatile substances. The fact that these fossil fuels only pass through Portland does not mitigate the harm they will do to our one, collective climate. Please consider all the ramifications of this ill-conceived project and take a giant step in the direction of a clean, sustainable energy future.

Sincerely,

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