

Propane Testimony April 7 ,2015

I am a public health nurse and NP. I urge you do use the precautionary principal in this propane decision. I know you must feel that you are alone, with all to pressure for jobs and money and at the same time continue Portland's legacy as the Climate Champion and be in accordance with our Climate Action Plan- significantly reducing our use of fossil fuel.

I want tell you that living without fossil fuel energy is a real possibility and another Climate Champion, Costa Rica is doing it. I was recently a representative from Oregon to the Partners of the Americas Costa Rica Exchange program. I was curious how they planned to be carbon neutral in 5 years. I found out at the Dept. of Energy and Environment that they are presently using zero fossil fuel for their electrical energy needs. Their electricity is entirely generated by hydro, solar, wind and geothermal and conservation. We too can do this too, now.

In addition, all energy projects go though the Dept. of Energy and Environment and if the project negatively affects water, air or the biodiversity of their natural habitat it is not approved. Both a gold mine and a Shell oil-drilling project were rejected this year because of its negative effect on the environment. This is the only way we all are going to leave a legacy of hope for the next generation. We must stop our dependence of fossil fuels; our ability to live is what is a stake. You must say no to propane now and in the future.

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