

Monday, April 6, 2015

Pembina Hearing at 3pm

Portland Oregon

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Shiq' Puchway, Good Day

....blessing in my native Wallulapum Language..

I stand here before you to give thanks.

Thanks to the Creator and thanks to you for taking the time to hear my words.

I stand here as a Wallulapum Woman, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

Our homelands of Nixyaawii within the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon.

I stand here before you to ask you to stop the bullies of the Pembina Corporation, the national conglomerates who continue to desecrate and pillage our homelands of Indigenous Peoples, of People who live in rural areas of our Nation and now those People who live in urban areas.

Stop the destruction.

The onslaught of the resource extraction of dirty oil, fracking, coal, LNG, and Nuclear. Oregon, Washington and the Pacific Northwest has a moral obligation to our children and those yet unborn to stand UP against the corporate greed and colonialism mindset of Manifest Destiny....to take and take and take.

We have seen them before: in the name of progress and greed

they killed the buffalo by railway,

they panned for gold and brought disease

they took our ceded boundary areas and sacred burial sites by Hanford and

they took Celilo Falls by dams.

My husband and I have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I stand for them.

I stand for the children who have entrusted us to provide a healthy, sustainable future for them.

WE all stand on the backs of our ancestors who rise UP with us now to make the right decision. Be on the right side of history....deny Pembina.

We also must stand with our 1st Nations brothers and sisters in Canada whose traditional way of life is being destroyed. We must stand with our animal relatives and all that is sacred.

Climate change has brought spring early and it is a time of adaptation and for renewal.

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We Wallulapums with many other northwest Tribes are getting ready for our first food feasts.

We pray, sweat and begin gathering.

Our traditional lifestyle has been passed down for more than 10,000 years.

They are all showing themselves:

our sacred water, the salmon, the deer and elk, the roots, the berries.

The Tamanwat' our unwritten LAW truly is the Land, Air and Water.

You'all have the power. You'all were appointed to this Board to hear the people's voice.

To hear your own conscious, to be able to tell the story to your grandchildren.....

YES, we voted against fossil fuel and

VOTED Yes, for your grandchildren's future

AYYYYYY...

Kats'ya'yaw Thank you.

KWAALISIM CHNA

'WE ARE HERE FOREVER'