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Subject: [User Approved] PSC Fossil Fuel Zoning Testimony

Dear Portland PSC Planning and Sustainability Commission,

Thank you for the diligent effort and transparency with which the City is pursuing implementation of its November 2015 Fossil Fuel Policy.

To make the City's policy as strong as it can be, I ask the City of Portland and the Planning and Sustainability Commission to:

-Enact a full ban on all new fossil fuel terminals, large or small. After all, this was the plain language of the City's 2015 Resolution, "to actively oppose" new fossil fuel infrastructure.

-An exception for new facilities that are 5 million gallons or less is unnecessary and could allow more unit trains of dangerous fossil fuels like Bakken crude oil. Additionally, allowing new LNG storage in Portland is unnecessary: NW Natural has no current plans for more LNG storage in Portland.

-Strengthen restrictions on expansions allowed at existing terminals through adding binding limits as well as criteria for safety and climate impacts in the City's non-conforming use review process. The City should use this process to ensure that seismic and safety improvements are the basis for any new changes to Portland's existing bulk fossil fuel terminals.

-Add language to prevent smaller related "terminals" from clustering and aggregating to increase fossil fuel shipments through Portland.

Now more than ever the City of Portland has the opportunity to be a leader in the fight against climate change. With just a few more improvements to the Fossil Fuel Zoning Amendments, Portland can remain at the forefront of addressing the most pressing concern of our time.

Sincerely,
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