

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER
OF THE FEDERAL SITING PROCESS
FOR LIQUID NATURAL GAS FACILITIES
and NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.



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WHEREAS, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioner has adopted a "Resolution for a Sustainable Clackamas County" which supports energy efficiency and the wise use of renewable energy; encourages an economy that sustains and restores natural, economic and social systems and fosters productive and healthy agriculture and natural resource lands; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is considering the Palomar pipeline, a natural gas pipeline which crosses Clackamas County, and may connect to a proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal on the Columbia River; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Hood and the Mt. Hood National Forest are natural wonders and scenic and recreational attractions of great value to the residents and businesses of Clackamas County, visitors from neighboring areas and tourists from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route traverses known earthquake faults, where pipeline fire accidents could cause forest fires; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline construction could impact known and undiscovered archeological, historic and cultural resources in Clackamas County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route would cross up to 66 rivers and streams in the Mt. Hood National Forest and numerous other streams, wetlands and rivers in Clackamas County, including the Molalla and Clackamas rivers,

WHEREAS, the Palomar Pipeline will adversely impact the Mt. Hood National Forest, including streams, old growth forests, potential wilderness areas and important fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the proposed right of way will impact county landowners; and

WHEREAS, the public need for the pipeline and associated LNG terminals in Oregon has not been established; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kulongoski has repeatedly asked the federal government to withhold approval of LNG import terminals facilities and associated pipelines until the issues to state authorizations have been addressed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Palomar natural gas pipeline has the potential to adversely impact Clackamas County, even if the associated LNG terminals are not approved or constructed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. Neither LNG facilities nor associated pipelines should be approved until the need for such facilities in Oregon has been established, consistent with federal laws, and it is shown that the public need outweighs the private harm to landowners.

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2. The Palomar pipeline should not be approved until state and federal agencies have conducted a thorough, objective and scientific examination of the environmental benefits and consequences of alternative routes, including a rigorous evaluation of impacts on threatened and endangered species, the Wild and Scenic Clackamas River, and recreation opportunities in the Mount Hood National Forest.
3. Clackamas County supports Governor Kulongoski's direction to state agencies to implement state regulatory requirements to the fullest extent to address concerns about environmental, social and economic impacts of proposed pipelines and LNG projects in Oregon.
4. Clackamas County supports the adoption of legislation ending the federal pre-emption of state authority to make siting decisions concerning LNG import terminals and associated pipelines.
5. Clackamas County seeks close coordination with state and federal agencies as they review pipeline proposals impacting Clackamas County, through a partnership that will support citizens seeking information about natural gas pipelines, including those issues related to eminent domain and just compensation.
6. If the need for the pipeline has been demonstrated, the pipeline should follow existing right-of-way to minimize impacts to natural resources and property owners.
7. Clackamas County has become a party to the proceedings and submitted a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practices and Procedures.

ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2009.

By the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary