

Clatsop County Public Hearing  
LUBA Remand  
July 8, 2009

Commissioners:

Today I am here to talk about the word "BIG."

I urge you to give a BIG "NO" to these findings. These findings demonstrate the skills of NorthernStar's attorneys in rewriting the dictionary in a BIG way. Other words for BIG are huge, enormous, gigantic, colossal, immense, mammoth, and whopping. BIG does not mean small or medium, despite what NorthernStar would like you to believe. Bradwood Landing would be a BIG project.

Over the last few years, you've had a BIG job reading thousands of pages of testimony and hearing hundreds of people speak at public hearings. Perhaps you have the answers to my questions.

How can a project that would include initial dredging of 700,000 cubic yards be not BIG?

How can 3 LNG storage tanks, which all together would be only a small part of the terminal, but each of which is 17 stories tall and the diameter of a football field, be not BIG?

How can the distribution pipeline leaving the terminal, which would go through hundreds of miles of Oregon and which has a 100-foot construction easement along its entire length, not be BIG?

How can this whole project of rewriting the dictionary to suit Bradwood Landing not be a BIG insult to the people of Clatsop County?

Like many others, when I first learned about the proposed LNG terminal and pipeline at Bradwood, I had a BIG laugh at such a reckless, ridiculous proposal. Surely, I thought, everyone else will see the massive danger and disruption this BIG project will cause. Surely everyone will give it a BIG thumbs down.

But here we are several years later at a BIG hearing about the meaning of BIG. This could be the BIGGEST issue you face as commissioners, yet you decided to keep the number of speakers as small as possible by not allowing citizens new to the issues or new to the county to speak. You won't let us talk about public safety, emergency preparedness, cost sharing, America's surplus of natural gas, or the existing LNG terminals that stand empty. Surely you want to have the most complete information possible so you can responsibly consider the far-reaching BIG consequences of your decisions today.

Commissioners, I urge each of you to take a BIG step forward and say NO to LNG.

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