

RESOLUTION No.

Express opposition to proposed Liquefied Natural Gas import terminals and associated gas pipelines in Oregon (Resolution)

WHEREAS, there are currently three Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and four related pipelines proposed in Oregon;

WHEREAS, use of LNG results in 20 to 30% greater carbon emissions than domestic natural gas, and any one LNG terminal will more than double the total amount of gas Oregon is currently importing;

WHEREAS, these projects will increase the amount of imported fossil fuel to the United States, thus increasing our reliance on foreign sources of energy and perpetuating the use of non-renewable energy at the expense of developing & investing in local renewable energy sources;

WHEREAS, the proposed project would conflict with efforts to promote increased use of renewables, increased efficiency, and conservation;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is recognized as an international leader among local governments in reducing greenhouse gases, combating global warming and investing in renewable energy;

WHEREAS, City of Portland and the State of Oregon's reputation as environmental leaders in sustainability would be adversely impacted by the approval of the proposed LNG and pipeline projects;

WHEREAS, the proposed pipelines would cross hundreds streams, rivers and wetlands. This represents a major threat to riparian habitats critical for threatened fish, songbirds, amphibians and many other species the City of Portland has spent significant resources working to recover and protect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council expresses its opposition to the proposed LNG terminals and associated pipelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council encourages Governor Kulongoski and the agencies of the State of Oregon to do everything in their power not to allow the proposed LNG terminals and pipelines in Oregon and help ensure that Oregon remains a leader in preventing global warming and protecting its threatened watersheds.