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Anton C. Porter, Executive Director
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Docket CP16-121-000

Dear Executive Director Porter,

I write in opposition to National Grid's proposal to build the Fields Point Liquefaction Facility in the Port of Providence, and I call upon your office to ensure the safety of the citizens of Rhode Island. In 2005, the FERC withheld permission to build a similar facility in this very same location, and I urge you to make a similar determination.

Numerous environmental advocacy organizations and local community groups have announced their opposition to the proposed LNG facility, including the Sierra Club, the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island, the Providence Youth Student Movement, and the Providence Student Union and I, along with many of my constituents, stand with them.

The area has a high concentration of toxic and dangerous industrial facilities, including a chemical storage facility with a 14-mile hazard radius, an existing LNG storage tank, and a large oil import terminal. Additionally, the area around the proposed facility includes numerous schools, day care centers, as well as multiple major hospitals and health care centers. LNG poses serious safety risks because, while stable in liquid form, once it reaches certain temperatures, it expands 600-fold and, when it mixes with air, it becomes highly flammable and potentially explosive. An accident in this area would be detrimental to not just Providence, but to surrounding municipalities as well.

I also would like to request an extension to the 30-day comment period on the Environmental Assessment to 90-days. Extending the deadline past July 25, 2018, would allow for more time to investigate, and if appropriate, challenge the claims and terms in the Environmental Assessment.

Finally, I urge your agency to call for a full Environmental Impact Statement rather than an Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Impact Statements are more comprehensive and rigorous, and more likely to catch serious detrimental effects that an Environmental Assessment might miss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth Yurdin".

Seth Yurdin, Providence City Council
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