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Hi there. Yeah, my name is Victoria Leistman and I'm an organizer with the Sierra Club. Thank you all so much for the presentation today and forgiving us the opportunity to make some comments.

I just wanted to respond directly to the gentleman who spoke after Amanda with Earthjustice, who is from the Natural Gas Industry, specifically about the piece related to natural gas coming from British Columbia. I wanna name that there are two gas projects being evaluated as I'm sure you all know to ecology because you're doing the report for one of them right now--the Kalama Methanol facility and the Tacoma LNG facility and both of those projects, right? And part of the reason why Ecology took over the, the analysis of the greenhouse gas emissions is because it was an inadequate assessment of the GHG emissions and because it made these lofty assumptions on both of these projects that if the gas came from British Columbia, it would somehow magically be better. And what we know is that that's not the case and that there's a lack of evidence in any way that BC fracked gas is as clean as is claimed. And and so, there have been reports out specifically from a organization called the David Suzuki Foundation, which did a lot of on the ground monitoring of active and active and inactive well sites in British Columbia that have pointed to the fact that these emission rates are much higher than what's being reported. The same, these reports have found that methane emissions from BC are up to two and a half times higher than reported. And it's just, you know, to think that we can find fossil fuels that are... it's it's the same argument to me as, like, the clean coal mindset that folks were in... about a decade ago, right? And we just can't--we don't have time to waste to fool ourselves into thinking that there are clean alternatives to extractive industry and to, you know, Amanda's earlier point that we need a climate test and we need a litmus test that's (inaudible) evaluate if these projects are part of a low carbon future. I just wanna make sure that we're really, you know, being honest with ourselves about what the GHG emissions baseline evaluation needs to be no matter where gas is coming from and government regulations fluctuate and we need to be able to make sure we're also including that in our analysis as well. So, I just wanted to put a pin in that and thank you all so much for your time.