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My name is Pat Freiburg. I'm from Ridgefield, Washington. I'm a longtime Washington resident. I'm asking if you all remember when Origin had a 500-foot cooling tower across the river in Rainier. The Trojan Nuclear Power Plant was shut down in 1992 but for the next 14 years drivers going north and south on [inaudible] looked at the remnants of PGE's financial disaster. To build and demolish that plant cost 2.4 billion in today's dollars and at every level, it was a debacle.

Today, a Chinese entity wants to buy Canada's [inaudible] and ship it by pipeline to Kalama, convert it to methanol, and then send it to China to be burnt as fuel or made into plastics. I smell another debacle. Building this plant will [inaudible] into methane use for another 40 years.

There's been talk of greenhouse gas mitigation but tell me, what just cutting back coal emissions while creating methane submission, how does that actually save us from the climate emergency that we are currently experiencing? We are already overcome by ferocious wildfires, polar ice caps are disappearing, and Greenland is turning green. We have more frequent and devastating tornadoes and hurricanes every year.

The oceans have warmed with carbon which converts to carbonic acid and is killing coral reefs and impeding the shell production for crabs, lobsters, clams, and oysters. Climate scientists predicted these events 32 years ago and now they are here. Ecology should deny this permit. We have enough debacle to contend with right now and there's way too much at stake. Thank you.