

Sierra Club

Hi, my name is Victoria Lissman. I am an organizer at the Sierra Club. I'm also the field director of a regional coalition called power past fracked gas, as well as a member of the Progressive Workers Union. I just want to as we come to the end of the hearing today, name this false dichotomy of jobs versus the environment that we're hearing. We increasingly face the severe impacts of environmental challenges, like climate change, and need to adapt to an interconnected global economy.

We can't choose one versus the other and that's a false dichotomy that's being painted here. Sierra Club, we're unionized. We're union staff, we are part of an organization called the Blue-Green Alliance where we work to find solutions together. This project is not one of them. I know that there are tons of pressures and all things that ecology has to weigh in deciding about this permit.

The truth of it is that there aren't going to be able to have these conversations if we continue to perpetuate how dire we know the climate crisis is. We've seen that just so recently but the horrible impacts of the wildfires and it's really sad to see this conversation of what the truth is and what science is. I know that you all at Ecology, understands that this FCIS [inaudible] evaluate the scenarios in which we don't get to two degrees. We need you to make the right decision. Deny this permit, please, for all of us so we can find jobs when we defeat climate change.