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Hi, my name is Sam [inaudible]. I find this SEIS insufficiently convincing. As the presentation speaker noted, global demand over 40 years is very hard to predict, and I'm skeptical that we can rely on current market conditions to hold stable. Within the last year alone, large global buyers like Amazon, Google, and Microsoft have announced that they are taking large steps toward fully sustainable operations.

Similarly, BlackRock Investments is encouraging investors to move away from emissive industries. Years ago, these announcements coming from some of the largest and most risk-averse players in the global economy would have been completely unthinkable. The climate, [chuckles] I guess-excuse the pun- is changing really fast.

Due to activist pressure changing market conditions and changing global priorities, these announcements are coming faster and faster. With Google announcing only last week that their operations would be fully carbon-free by 2030; something that only the year prior they refused to commit to. So, I'm really skeptical that we can rely on the projections in the SEIS of demand to hold stable over a 40-year period, when we can't even predict what the largest global players will do within a one-year time frame.

Another commenter pointed out that this would set a dangerous precedent in the region. I completely agree. This facility would establish a foothold in the region for further natural gas infrastructure. I think this is the wrong precedent to set. This facility wouldn't spin up tomorrow. This is an investment and it represents an investment in the wrong path for both our state and for the planet.

I also want to weigh-in on the topic of mitigation. I did read Appendix D of the SEIS that purports to detail the mitigation plan, and I see no plan other than purchasing carbon offsets. This does nothing to mitigate the effects of this project on the Washington local environment. You cannot mitigate the effects of cancer-causing chemicals emitted locally, and you can't mitigate the enormous water dependency of such a facility. So forgive me for being uninspired by this non-existent mitigation plan. Thank you.