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I am speaking here as an individual and not as the Mayor of Kalama.

This refinery is a Chinese/Canadian energy export terminal; that's all it has ever been. It has never been about jobs or taxes, its about money and resources. The original backers of this refinery back up this analogy. BP and the Chinese Academy of Science. It falls in line with that saying, "Follow the Money."

Canada needed to monetize its stranded natural gas, and China needs the energy to supply its industrial capacity. Canada has no way to export its natural gas to world markets, and China always needs more cheap resources to power its economy.

If we let China export this vital limited capacity resource, we will lose our competitive advantage. America needs to charge more, not less for the gas than U.S. consumers, so that we are the ones making money and controlling our destinies-not China.