



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

September 8, 2016

Mr. Norman Bay, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street Northeast, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket No. CP16-121-000 - Fields Point Liquefaction Project

Dear Chairman Bay,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility expansion on Fields Point in Providence and to ask that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission deny the proposal under review (Docket No. CP16-121-000) as its approval would have a detrimental impact to the City of Providence and its residents.

The entire world is threatened due to climate change and we must move away from fossil fuels. The City of Providence has continually expressed a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, promoting an equitable environment, and creating a more sustainable future for our City's posterity. Providence does not want to perpetuate the global climate crisis, nor do we want to be burdened by the risks associated with a liquefaction plant in Providence.

The proposed facility would generate harmful pollutants that impact the surrounding community's air quality and ecosystem. The proposed location for this project is surrounded by dense, lower-income neighborhoods and should not be subjected to the environmental and health burdens associated with the proposed facility. The proposed plant would also increase greenhouse gas emissions, particularly indirect emissions due to the hydraulic fracking process by which the natural gas is extracted from the ground, as well as the facility's high electrical consumption (13 megawatts) for the liquefaction process.

Due to these concerns, the project merits a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement, rather than an Environmental Assessment, allowing for a public hearing and a comprehensive health impact assessment. Furthermore, on August 1, 2016 the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued final guidance for Federal agencies and departments to include direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of climate change in National Environmental Policy Act Reviews. I urge you to heed these guidelines in your analysis and consider the massive global warming potential of the proposed LNG facility, as well as the impact to community resilience.

Upon my comprehensive review of the proposal to construct an LNG facility on Fields Point it has become clear that this proposal is in direct opposition to the City's interests. It is for these reasons that I ask for your unequivocal denial of the proposed Fields Point Liquefaction Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Elorza", written over a horizontal line.

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor