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Subject:	Extend public comment period for proposed air quality permits
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Dear Deputy Director Joni Hammonds:

We are writing in regards to the application for air quality permits sought by Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, L.P. for the LNG compressor station in Malin, Oregon.

The compressor station would be one of the top fifteen greatest sources of greenhouse gas pollution in the state and a potential source of hazardous air pollutants such as toluene and formaldehyde. It would be located less than two miles from the residential center of Malin.

The compressor station would be located in a particularly rural part of the state. Many rural residents have limited access to the internet to be able to access project materials and submit comments online. Thirty days is not enough to ensure that the local community has been properly informed of the full air quality impacts of the proposed compressor station or adequate time to comments.

In addition, 57.8% of the community is Latino, and public meeting announcements have not been adequately provided to the community in Spanish.

Due to the large nature of the compressor station and significant amounts of green house gas pollution, criteria air pollutants, and air toxics the compressor station would emit, we urge you to GRANT FOUR REQUESTS FROM SOUTHERN OREGON COMMUNITIES:

1. POSTPONE THE PERMITTING PROCESS UNTIL AFTER the DEQ's recently announced STATEWIDE RULE MAKING ON TOXIC AIR POLLUTANTS IS FINISHED.

If DEQ anticipates that the rulemaking process will take more than 12 months please:

2. POSTPONE THE MARCH 17 HEARING FOR A MINIMUM OF 60 DAYS TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC CAN FULLY BE INFORMED AND PARTICIPATE.

3. PROVIDE ALL MATERIALS IN SPANISH AND PROVIDE SPANISH TRANSLATION AT ALL PUBLIC EVENTS.

4. EXTEND THE COMMENT PERIOD TO 90 DAYS AFTER ANY PUBLIC HEARING.

Given recent air quality concerns in the Portland area after revelations about weak air quality permitting rules and the recent turnover of DEQ leadership, many southern Oregonians are greatly concerned about air quality in their local communities.

The scope and complexity of this project is massive, and the people of Oregon need more time to provide DEQ with substantive comments.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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