

November 17, 2021

Dear President Biden and Administration Officials,

**Re: Special Permit for the transportation of LNG by Rail (Special Permit DOT-SP 20534)**

Our coalition, the Philadelphia Stop LNG by Rail Network, submits the enclosed PDFs that contain signatures collected over the last months in the Philadelphia region. Residents have been gathering signatures on petitions that oppose a Special Permit issued by the federal government under the Trump Administration for the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) through the city. Going door to door, standing at supermarkets and events, and sharing electronic petitions, people have collected 3,674 petition signatures asking you and your Administration to revoke or let the Special Permit to Energy Transport Solutions for the transportation of LNG in railcars from Wyalusing PA to Gibbstown NJ expire at the end of its permit life, November 30 of this year. The petition also asks that the separate federal rulemaking to allow LNG to be transported by railcar anywhere in the nation also be rescinded – we know that rulemaking process has now begun and we express deep support for its rescission and for a full ban on railcar transport to be reinstated.

The wording of the Petition is as follows:

“We, the undersigned, call upon President Biden and our federal elected representatives to prevent the transport of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) by rail through Philadelphia for export overseas. The Special Permit (Special Permit DOT-SP 20534) to Energy Transport Solutions for rail transport from Wyalusing PA to Gibbstown NJ should be rescinded. The separately issued federal rule that lifted the long-standing ban on LNG transport in rail tank cars across the nation must also be rescinded. Our communities must be protected from the threat to their safety posed by LNG transportation by rail.”

We are also enclosing certified resolutions that have been adopted by local governments and by faith-based and community organizations in New Jersey opposing the Special Permit and the federal rule allowing LNG to be transported by rail. New Jersey residents have been attending local government meetings for months to discuss and propose the adoption of these official resolutions. Each resolution speaks for thousands upon thousands of community members who are in the path of this dangerous rail route through South Jersey to the proposed LNG export terminal in Gibbstown, NJ.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent request to not allow this Special Permit to continue and to rescind the federal rule that allows the transport of LNG by rail, reinstating a full ban on the transport of LNG by railcar. We look forward to your reply.

Most sincerely,



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Submitted on behalf of the Philadelphia Stop LNG by Rail Network, which includes Philly Boricuas Make the Road Philadelphia and Allentown, 350Philly, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Philadelphia Neighborhood Networks, Berks Gas Truth, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, and other organizations working in the Philadelphia Region to stop the LNG railcar trains.