

It's a long way between Port Westward and Texas

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Maureen Milton, and I live in Portland and am an Oregonian and frequent patron of the monastery as well as local Columbia County businesses and recreation areas.

I strongly urge you to protect the local community and this valuable agricultural area from the haplessness of Texas's NEXT Renewables project and reject their application in Oregon. While they have a paid representative (from South Dakota) who currently resides in Portland, the company, including its principals, Chris Efir and Gene Cotton, live in Texas, nowhere near the effects of their presumed Columbia County (im)plant.



Here are some of the considerations that NEXT Renewables might be hoping that us poor little ol' Oregonians might forget:

NEXT's mitigation plan is inadequate, because it conflicts with current uses by farmers and other current residents in the area. NEXT's wetland mitigation plan will prevent the Beaver Drainage District from controlling flows of water to a significant number of farms that both embody Columbia County's rural character and provide valuable contributions to the local and state agricultural economy.

Individuals associated with NEXT have a history of abandoning communities. Let's let NEXT tidy up their Transmessis Columbia Plateau failure which they've left to the folks in Odessa, WA before they exploit Columbia County resources with the dubious carrot of "billions of dollars and hundreds of jobs".

While they're down in Texas, how will the executives at NEXT Renewables ameliorate the effect on surrounding properties with introduction of long, slow-moving trains that thwart timely harvest and transport of crops?

While they're down in Texas, the executives at NEXT Renewables won't be bothered by gas flares, leaks/spills, fires, traffic, air/water/noise pollution, and vibrations that will undoubtedly interfere with nearby ag operations, recreational uses, and wildlife habitat.

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Petroleum, an megalorporation with no ties to Columbia County
or even Oregon?

Please reject the application from Texas's NEXT Renewables
to protect Columbia County's local population of farmers,
citizens--young and old, wildlife, and even regular nearby
visitors to the monastery who make a point of shopping at the
Safeway, the gas station, and the hardware store every time I'm
there.

Sincerely,

Maureen Milton

Portland, Oregon

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"And it is essential of the happy life that a man would have almost no mail...." C.S. Lewis