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In response to your request for public opinions on whether your review should include:

i. impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction (such as hydraulic fracturing) for natural gas that will be transported through the pipeline, and ii. impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline.

I can only ask rhetorically, how can this be 2020 and you are not considering the impact of fossil fuel infrastructure investment on the state of the climate and on the ecosystem components like ground water, sensitive wetlands and risk of pollution due to construction and operation.

In this context,

Since

- a) humanity is rapidly running out of time to transform our economy and recognize our fundamental dependency on the ecosphere, this means no more business as usual; and
- b) there are escalating risks and costs; and
- c) the world's climate scientists warned in October 2018 that we must cut greenhouse gas emissions at least in half by 2030, and have since then have amplified these warnings; therefore, I ask that
  - a) The OEB hold a fully transparent oral hearing; and
  - b) not allow the fossil fuel industry to focus solely on delivery of energy no matter the cost to land and planet
  - c) you must recognize formally the deep connection between the climate emergency and the fossil fuel industry, making it especially clear that societal values are shifting in recognition of the calamitous impact of growing fossil fuel use on the near term future.

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