

# Millennium Bulk Terminals - Longview

- **PROJECT TYPE:**  
Coal export terminal and redevelopment of existing bulk materials port
- **LOCATION:**  
Longview, Washington
- **INVESTMENT COST:**  
\$680 million
- **ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE:**  
Late 2013 → delayed over 4 years
- **ORIGINAL OPERATING DATE:**  
2015, with full capacity operations by 2018

## OVERVIEW

- In February 2012, Millennium submitted several permit applications in order to develop a world-class coal export facility on the Columbia River in Longview, WA. KIITG activists immediately mobilized an aggressive opposition to the project.

*"Tens of thousands of folks throughout the Pacific Northwest have been organizing, petitioning, taking direct action, and otherwise speaking out against proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects...This region has kept an incredible amount of carbon in the ground by slowing and blocking the development of coal terminals, gas pipelines, and oil trains."*<sup>1</sup>

- Greenpeace

- In January 2017, ThinkProgress explained the draw of activists to Longview, stating that, as the "last remaining coal export terminal proposed on the West Coast," it was a "crucial target" for activists.<sup>2</sup> These groups included the Power Past Coal Coalition, Columbia Riverkeeper, Sierra Club, Washington Environmental Council, Climate Solutions and Friends of the Columbia Gorge.<sup>3</sup>
- Project developers worked with state agencies to prepare a 4,000-page environmental impact statement, but in January 2017, the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) denied Millennium's aquatic lands lease application, which Millennium described as a "political decision."<sup>4</sup> In March 2017, Columbia Riverkeeper, Sierra Club and the Washington Environmental Council filed a formal motion to intervene in Millennium's appeal case in support of the DNR.<sup>5</sup>
- In September 2017, the Washington State Department of Ecology denied Millennium's water permit application, which Millennium appealed in a lawsuit filed in October 2017.<sup>6</sup> In response to the ruling, the Sierra Club prematurely boasted, "This renders the project formally dead!"<sup>7</sup>
- Millennium appealed the decision, and in October 2017, a Cowlitz County Superior Court judge overruled the DNR decision rejecting Millennium's sublease application, calling it "arbitrary and capricious."<sup>8</sup>

*"This debate isn't just about coal exports. Today it's coal but tomorrow it could be about liquefied natural gas. Soon it could be non-organic produce. America simply cannot allow one state to use geography and ideology to discriminate against another state's commodities."*

- Montana Attorney General Tim Fox<sup>9</sup>

## STATUS:

In January 2018, Lighthouse Resources filed a federal lawsuit against Governor Inslee and state officials for unlawfully denying and refusing to process permits to redevelop Millennium's brownfield site for coal export on the Columbia River.

## LOST OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$12.5↓**  
**BILLION**  
in GDP  
impact\*



**91,712↓**  
total full-time  
equivalent job  
years\*



**\$2.3↓**  
**BILLION**  
in lost tax  
revenue\*



**300↓**  
full-time jobs during  
operations\*\*



**\$43.1↓**  
**MILLION**  
lost annual state and  
local tax revenue during  
operations\*\*

\* Number refers to total economic impact from construction/operations/upstream, through August 2018

\*\* Self-reported by project sponsor

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