Steven Donatiello, SAINT LOUIS, MO. I work for the gas company and now we are scrambling to find alternate, albeit less safe ways, to provide natural gas to our customers this winter.

We are looking at trucking liquified natural gas to at least one location. This gas will come from suppliers across the Midwest- one day's drive or less. We will be handling truckloads of this LNG.

In a perfectly legal sense, perhaps FERC did not scrutinize the application to the satisfaction of the Environmental Defense Fund, however, the resultant shutting down of a pipeline that supplies 1/3 of the gas to Saint Louis is an incredible mistake.

The pipeline was installed so that in the event of an earthquake, we would still have the ability to provide gas to our customers.

Have you ever considered what happens when there is insufficient gas in a distribution system. Thousands of customers will lose gas service and thousands will need to relight pilot lights with the result potential damage to homes if all these pilot lights don't shut off gas properly.

There had to be other options for that Judge to come up with.

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