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Michele- I would like to submit the following comments in the portion of the assembly meeting pertaining to the special utility assessment for extension of ENSTAR gas to the Moose Range Meadows Subdivision. I was directed to email this to you to ensure this is presented. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

For Consideration by the Assembly:

My name is Shannon Donnelly. I am a KPB resident, and property owner in the Moose Range Meadows subdivision. I would like to make this presentation in person, but am unable to due to work obligations.

I have been undecided regarding the extension of natural gas to the subdivision until recent months. At this point in time, economic conditions have changed in such a way that what once may have been an OK idea is really no longer practical or appropriate in this subdivision. I am adamantly opposed to this action and would like to go on record as such. Presumably, the purpose of extending the gas to the area is to make the real estate more marketable. I think this is a poor justification and would like to identify a number of reasons the ENSTAR assessment is not good business for the affected families:

1. Existing homes in the area are not equipped to use natural gas- this project is not a benefit for these property owners without expensive retrofits.
2. With rising prices of Natural Gas, it is not an attractive choice for future builders or a probable switch-over for existing homes.
3. Forcing property owners to pay for this extension is a gift to ENSTAR, assisting them with infrastructure for future customers. Let ENSTAR pay for it if they want customers. I don't need gas- why should I have to pay to make it available?
4. In the slumping economy, property owners are unlikely to recoup these costs.
5. Availability of gas is probably not a selling point.
6. Dwindling Cook Inlet gas supplies make long term gas supply and future costs highly suspect. ENSTAR can extract a high price in the future when supplies are even more limited than they are today.
7. With families facing uncertain income and economic challenges, it is unfair and inappropriate for the KPB to levy this special assessment which is a considerable unplanned cost for many households. A cost for which many are not going to see any benefit.
8. While property owners are expected to pay these costs upfront, what is the timeline for gas supply? Who holds ENSTAR accountable for the timeline? What protections will be in place for property owners who pay up if the gas line is never installed?
9. In summary, this is bad business and I am very much against this project at this time. It was agreed upon in a different environment and no longer makes any sense.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. I sincerely want the KPB to defer or fully cancel this assessment in support of their residents.

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