Dear Governor Inslee, Governor Brown, and Governor Newsom,

We write to raise concerns about the climate impacts of the proposed GTN XPress compressor station project and urge you to voice your opposition to the plan to increase the amount of fracked gas flowing through your states. We appreciate the states of Washington, Oregon, and California intervening in this matter before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The urgency of the climate crisis demands action from your administrations.

Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) is seeking approval from FERC to increase the capacity of its 1,354-mile fracked gas pipeline that runs from British Columbia, through Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and down to California. GTN’s parent company is TC Energy, the company behind the Keystone XL pipeline. FERC estimates the expansion will result in 3.24 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually, even without considering the upstream methane leakage. For comparison, this is more than the annual emissions from burning natural gas in all commercial buildings in the state of Washington.¹ Or the same annual carbon pollution as eight new gas-fired power plants.²

FERC’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement concluded that the project could increase emissions in Idaho by 16%, Washington by 3.8%, and Oregon by 7.7% each year.

Thank you for your strong efforts to tackle the climate crisis. Thanks to your leadership, Oregon, Washington, and California have each made significant commitments to reducing reliance on fossil fuels to achieve ambitious climate goals. GTN XPress would go against these commitments by locking in the region’s reliance on fracked gas for at least another thirty years,

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¹ Columbia Riverkeeper Comments, FERC Docket CP22-2, Aug. 22, 2022, Exhibit A.
We will not address our climate crisis by continuing to build new fossil fuel infrastructure that emits millions of tons of greenhouse gases. We urge you to carefully weigh the climate impacts of increasing gas capacity, and consider how the GTN XPress project is inconsistent with Washington, Oregon, and California’s efforts to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As our state leaders, we ask you to make your opposition to the proposal loud and clear.

Sincerely,

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