Quoddy Bay LLC and Donald M. Smith — if you have any honor, if you have any ethics, if your word has any value, you must live with what you said:

“The community of Perry controls the project,” stated Donald Smith, chairman and chief executive officer of Smith Cogeneration of Oklahoma, partner and General Manager of Quoddy Bay LLC. “This activity (referring to Article 40) has to be approved by the voters of Perry to be legally binding. If not approved, we don’t have a project,” he stated.

– February 17, 2005 Smith meeting with Perry Selectmen and residents. Reported in the February 25, 2005 Quoddy Tides
EXAMINE THEIR WORDS, DEEDS, AND REPUTATIONS:

Put Donald Smith, Brian Smith and Quoddy Bay LLC under a magnifying glass.

Get rid of them

“Honestly, I wouldn’t want to commit to a mouthpiece. I would want to know who the real players are. So throw the man out of town. They (Quoddy Bay) don’t have any experience in LNG. I don’t care what they’re offering them, get rid of them. It’s not worth the risk. It’s not worth what you, the community, the tribe, the environment is going to be taking.” — Michael Marchese, Everett, Mass/Alderman BDN/3-26/27

Quoddy Bay partners turning on each other

“We started late and it was sheer stupidity that the original managers of our company last summer decided to focus on international questions of LNG supply and finance,” Smith said. BDN/3-26/27

Smith insults Perry residents.

Smith said his team may seek to re-educate the Perry voters. — BDN/3-30

Snake Oil Salesman

“Oklahoma utility experts called him (Donald Smith) a ‘snake oil salesman from Harvard.’” BDN/3-25

Statutory Bribery Investigation

“Request to investigate whether Quoddy Bay LLC (or any of its officers, employees or agents) violated Maine’s bribery statute, 17-A MRSA 402 (1)(A) — when it offered the town of Perry One Million Dollars per year for 30 years if they will vote to approve the proposed LNG terminal at Pleasant Point.” — Lawyer’s letter to Michael Povich, DA 3/23/05

No information from Quoddy Bay/Hiring Dennis Bailey

“We recognize that there is not much specific information about the project out there now, but hopefully in the next week or two we will have evolved some strategies. Dennis Bailey of Savvy Inc. in Portland was hired by Smith and Quoddy Bay LLC for this project. Concerning the hiring of Bailey, Fred Moore III, the Passamaquoddy representative in the legislature says, ‘it’s the equivalent to the appointment of Goebbels as the Israeli ambassador referring to the Nazi minister of propaganda, I would not have done it.” — QT/1/14/05

Big and Ugly Tanks

“There will be 2 tanks [a week later it was 3 tanks] big enough to hold two 747s on top of each other. They’ll be made of high nickel steel and be big and ugly. We’ll cover them with a protective shell like a bomb shelter over the tanks. We’ll have an art project for the Passamaquoddy to paint them to look more natural, and it will look like we care.” — Meeting with Perry selectmen and citizens, 2/17/05

No LNG near President

Questioned about why a proposed site here, Donald Smith said, “They are trying to move these facilities away from dense populations. The issue is terrorism. The advantage here is isolation and sparse population. For instance,” Smith said, “you wouldn’t want to put this down on Walker’s Point where the President and his family recreate.” — Meeting with Perry Fishermen’s group and residents 3/17/05

No opposing information ever offered

Regarding the work of MIT Professor James Fay, 35 years the world expert on LNG spills and fires on water, Smith said, “I was disappointed. The information is wrong. We’ll get you the correct information.” — Meeting with Perry Selectmen and residents, 2/17/05

[To-date, 4/7/05, Quoddy Bay LLC has yet to provide one item of information contradicting Fay’s work, which the U.S. Government Sandia Report quotes extensively.]

Lawsuit with Multiple Smith Companies

Reza Mirzaie, an individual (plaintiff/appellee/counter-appellant) v. Smith Cogeneration, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Smith-Cogeneration Management, Inc, a British Virgin Islands corporation, Smith Cogeneration Dominicana, Inc, a Turks and Caicos corporation, and Donald M. Smith, an individual (defendants/appellants/counter-appellees). — 1998 OK CIV APP123/Case #88202

Outright Fraud

The electricity issue also sparked a confrontation between the Dominican Republic government and the U.S. Embassy, after the former accused the Smith-Enron joint venture of outright fraud for failing to deliver on its promise to generate at least 175 megawatts a day. — Report from World Bank documents

Breach of Contract

Smith Cogeneration Int., Inc., Attn, Donald M Smith, President: Contract Claim Potential claims arising from possible breach of contract or contract rejection. — Enron Global Power and Pipelines, LLC Debtor Case #03-14230

Smith / Enron Puts Hotel Out of Business

Bayside Hill hotel in Santo Domingo was forced to close due to pollution and noise caused by nearby operation of the Smith-Enron plant. Smith-Enron agreed to upgrade the plant and gave the hotel $1 million dollars in damages. No upgrade was done. The hotel sued Smith-Enron again and was awarded $9 million in damages. No money has been forthcoming, and the case is now with the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris.

We see clearly, Quoddy Bay LLC. has not respected the people, the processes, or the places in their dealings.

“I wouldn’t want the damned thing [LNG] in my back yard either, but I was sent to do a job and I’m going to do it.”

—Smith to staff at Moose Island Marine, and elsewhere.
Plans for a $7.2 million housing development are already underway at Pleasant Point on the same land desired for the LNG terminal. “We’re proceeding with the housing project as though there’s no LNG,” says Clayton Cleaves, executive director of the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Housing Authority. A host of investors are committed to the project which has a land lease agreement on 67 acres for 28 homes. Legal agreements exist with private out of state investors, Maine banks, statewide development corporations, Four Nations Development Corporation with funds from the Maine Council of Churches. Also involved in the project are the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Indian Health Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Maine State Housing and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. These players take the project out of status of internal tribal matter and make it a state and federal matter.

In addition to traditional sacred grounds and the sacred sweet grass meadow, the area proposed for the LNG terminal has cemeteries with many local family members buried there, including names on the gravestones such as: Altwater, Hibbard, Bayliss, Brown, Camic, Clark, Dunsmaoor, Gove, Leach, Leighton, Mahar, McPhail, Miller, Pottle, Ramsdell, Selwood, and Sullivan.

In addition to the notation of the Gleason Cove area as a wildlife area, there is a companion report completed by Allan Ott in 1987 on the soils in the area of the proposed LNG terminal. The report concludes: “The parcels investigated provide many challenges to development. Special attention will be needed to address the problems of building structures and roads on areas with seasonal high ground water tables, shrinking and swelling clays, shallow depth to ledge, and relatively steep slope. Additionally, many areas are so severely limited so as to completely preclude any development.”

You’ve Got ISSUES

Quoddy Bay LLC, Donald M. Smith, you’ve got more ISSUES than you think—WAY MORE.

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