

Andy Jassy
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Dear Mr. Jassy,

When Amazon made its Climate Pledge in 2019, it gave reason to hope that the company was truly attempting to grapple with its impacts and with the urgency of the moment. Since then, however, the company's emissions have grown more than 40%.

The atmosphere isn't affected by the carbon intensity of business, but rather by the amount of carbon emitted, so even if Amazon's emissions growth was due to doubling revenue, it wouldn't necessarily be progress of any sort, let alone the sort that we need. But you have a chance to make a single decision now that's in line with your aspirations—and meanwhile catch up to Facebook and Apple—by providing clean energy for your operations.

We understand that Amazon plans to connect three of its four data centers near Boardman, OR to the planned GTN Xpress gas pipeline expansion. We urge you to publicly commit to financing solar or wind projects to provide clean energy for Amazon's operations, and reject the GTN Xpress.

Utilizing GTN Xpress would increase Amazon's carbon footprint and contribute greatly to climate change. Fuel cells may reduce localized air pollution, but they don't reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. The fuel cells would emit the equivalent of 250,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually, according to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The State of Oregon's data shows, in fact, that because the fuel cells would reduce the data centers' use of clean hydropower, they would actually increase Amazon's carbon footprint in the region.

Thanks to property tax exemptions, Amazon saved \$53 million last year on its data centers in Morrow County, and another \$23 million on data centers in neighboring Umatilla County. These savings should be invested in renewable energy.

We applauded Amazon's commitment "to procure 100% renewable energy" for its operations by 2025. However, relying on natural gas-powered fuel cells takes Amazon in the opposite direction.

Amazon Web Services is your baby, and by almost any measure, a successful one. Why risk marring Amazon's reputation (and yours) by locking AWS into decades of fossil gas while also providing justification for the plans for expansion to begin with?

Amazon prides itself on innovation. Using fossil fuel is not innovation. It is relying on a dying technology that is killing the planet. The AWS commitment to connect to GTN Xpress is driving a project that would pump more methane into a 50-year-old pipeline, which will certainly increase the methane leaked into the atmosphere. This has 80 times the impact of emitted CO₂ on the climate, but isn't accounted for in the plans for the project, to say nothing of the increased risk of accidents affecting life along the pipeline.

We urge you to reconsider Amazon's position and look forward to your response via email (below).

Sincerely,

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