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April 11, 2013

Chairman Jon Wellinghoff Commissioner Philip D. Moeller Commissioner John R. Norris Commissioner Cheryl A. LaFleur Commissioner Tony Clark

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff, Commissioner Moeller, Commissioner Norris, Commissioner LaFleur, and Commissioner Clark:

We, the elected state legislators representing Coos Bay and the coastal areas of Oregon, are writing to underscore our support for the Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. We hope the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will approve this project.

Southwest Oregon counties are experiencing chronic financial distress from reduced timber harvests that have led to greatly reduced employment and revenues. As a result, cities and counties in Southwest Oregon are making difficult and painful cuts in public services. Even before the recession, Southwest Oregon lagged behind the rest of the state in economic growth and routinely posted unemployment figures higher than the state and national averages.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project will turn things around. In fact, the economic impact of this project – whether it is the significant number of short term construction jobs that will be created, the long term family-wage jobs that will be sustained or the significant tax revenue that will be derived from the facility – is the reason so many other Oregon elected officials, business organizations and their member companies, labor officials and other community leaders support this project. Furthering this strong support is the way the Jordan Cove Energy Project will enhance Southwest Oregon's maritime infrastructure and improve natural gas availability in this part of the State. These improvements will help our region attract new businesses and create new jobs, and they will come at no cost to local taxpayers or utility ratepayers because the project's investors will be providing the financing.

We recognize and appreciate FERC's objective review of all LNG export permits on their merits; we hereby wish to reinforce the support for the Jordan Cove Energy Project by the coastal members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

Senator Jeff Kruse, Chair

Representative Deborah Boone, Vice-Chair

Senator Arnie Roblan

Senator Doug Whitsett

Representative David Gomberg

Representative Wayne Krieger

Representative Caddy McKeown

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