

RESOLUTION No. 3131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, OREGON IN SUPPORT OF THE JORDAN COVE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) EXPORT TERMINAL AND THE PACIFIC CONNECTOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

WHEREAS, the 1938 Natural Gas Act requires a permit to export natural gas to countries with which the U.S. does not have a free trade agreement (non-FTA countries) but mandates that the Department of Energy (DOE) approve such a permit unless it determines that doing so is not consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline that will supply gas to the Jordan Cove terminal on the North Spit of lower Coos Bay, Oregon represent a combined \$7.5 Billion investment in a part of Oregon that has been economically depressed for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline project will create an average of 1,750 construction jobs over 42 months (with peak manpower being 3,400 construction jobs) under a signed Project Labor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the permanent employment at the Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline will include 99 direct jobs, 51 indirect jobs paid by Jordan Cove (Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, tugboat crews and emergency planners), 404 other indirect jobs and 182 induced jobs for a total of 736 total family-wage jobs in Southwest Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline will generate much needed tax revenue to Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties – \$32 million a year in ad valorem taxes or payments in lieu of taxes for the first three years, and \$42 million to \$52 million a year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline will enhance the Port of Coos Bay and Southern Oregon's infrastructure, helping the economically depressed region attract new businesses and create new jobs; and

WHEREAS, natural gas can be exported from the Pacific Northwest without having a measurable impact on domestic natural gas prices, due in part to a surplus supply of natural gas in the Western part of North America and a surplus of natural gas pipeline infrastructure in the region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is seeking to improve air quality by transitioning its electricity generation from heavy fuel oil to natural gas and this transition will only be cost-effective if LNG is shipped from a West Coast terminal; and

WHEREAS, electric utilities in Alaska are seeking a West Coast LNG terminal from which to purchase natural gas due to insufficient natural gas infrastructure in certain parts of that State; and

WHEREAS, it is not economically feasible for the Jordan Cove terminal to supply natural gas to Hawaii and Alaska if the facility is not authorized to export LNG to non-FTA countries; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Bend finds the Jordan Cove Energy Project is consistent with the public interest, and the interests of City of North Bend and the City of North Bend calls upon Governor Kitzhaber, members of the Oregon Legislature, and members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation to encourage DOE to expeditiously approve Jordan Cove's application to export LNG to non-FTA countries.

Passed and adopted by the North Bend City Council this 14th day of May, 2013.



Mayor Rick Wetherell

ATTEST:



City Recorder Joann Thompson