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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket PF17-4-000

We are writing in support of the Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector project. We represent the Oregon legislative districts crossed by, and impacted, by this project. As employment in Oregon's timber and fishing industries has declined in the past 30 years, our districts have suffered disproportionately versus urban areas of Oregon.

With the loss of timber revenues from federal and state lands, local governments are challenged to provide quality public schools, police and fire services, social safety net services and safe roads. The Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector project will provide a new, and greatly needed sustained source of tax revenue, create thousands of high-paying jobs, and foster economic development by providing a new source of natural gas in a region in which some areas are gas-constrained or lack gas service.

We ask that as FERC begins its evaluation of this project, that it will consider the full benefits Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector will provide for Southern Oregon, including:

- 3,500 new construction jobs lasting 2-4 years. These jobs will pay an average of \$80,000 per year, which is double the average annual income in Southern Oregon counties.
- 250 permanent jobs associated with this project. These will also be high-wage jobs, averaging \$80,000 per year plus benefits.
- Approximately \$48 million per year paid to the State of Oregon in corporate income taxes and approximately \$62 million per year paid in taxes, and payments in lieu of taxes, to Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties. Together, that equals \$110 million in taxes paid every year this facility will operate. This is a significant amount of new revenue that will help support public education, social services, police and fire departments, and roads in counties that have seen a dramatic drop in their tax base in the past 30 years.

- A significant increase in the tonnage of cargo at the Port of Coos Bay. Federal funds for the maintenance of shipping channels is determined based on a port's annual tonnage, and only ports with an annual volume of 10 million tons of cargo or more are guaranteed maintenance funds. The Port of Coos Bay currently moves approximately 1.5 million tons of cargo annually. The addition of Jordan Cove's 7.8 million tons per year of LNG cargos will push the Port's total annual tonnage closer to the threshold that will guarantee federal maintenance funding. The continued vitality of the Port of Coos Bay is critical to Oregon's economy as it is one of only two international ports in the state.
- New access to supplies of natural gas. The cities of Roseburg in Douglas County and Grants Pass in Josephine County receive natural gas from NW Pipeline's Grants Pass Lateral pipeline that starts in Washington State and terminates near Grants Pass. The Southern end of this pipeline in Douglas and Josephine counties is fully subscribed and would be challenged to support new natural gas demand for industrial and commercial growth. Because the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline will intersect the Grants Pass Lateral, it could (if there is a market demand) provide additional supplies of natural gas to support commercial and industrial growth in Southern Oregon, thereby stimulating regional economic development.

In addition, this project will provide a net reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions by displacing coal-fired power plants in Asia. The more natural gas available to countries such as Japan, the less they will have to depend on dirtier forms of energy.

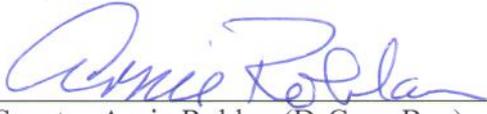
The Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector project has already secured commitments from two Japanese LNG buyers (including the largest buyer of LNG in the world by volume) for half the project's output and negotiations with other buyers for the remainder of the output are in progress. This testifies to the commercial viability of this project.

The project also continues to secure voluntary right of way agreements and has already secured such agreements from 34-percent of the private landowners whose properties are crossed by the pipeline. And, the project has demonstrated its ability to comply with existing environmental standards by securing its Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (a federally delegated permit under the Clean Air Act) in 2015.

Taken together, Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector will provide lasting and profound economic benefits to our districts, which are the ones impacted by this project. Our constituents will benefit from the capital investment in our region, the jobs this project will create and the large amount of taxes it will pay for public services while creating new economic development opportunities.

We hope FERC will take these facts into consideration as part of its analysis and look forward to a timely approval of this project.

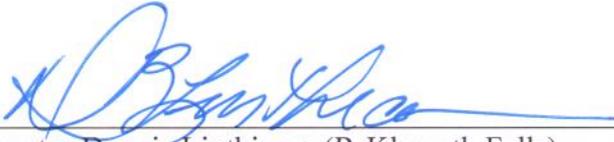
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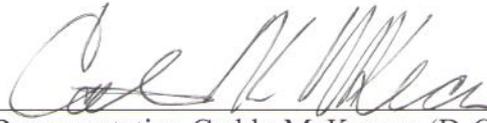
Senator Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay)



Senator Jeff Kruse (R-Roseburg)

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Senator Dennis Linthicum (R-Klamath Falls)

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Representative Caddy McKeown (D-Coos Bay)

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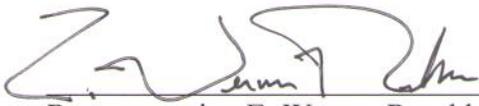
Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford)

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Representative Dallas Heard (R-Roseburg)

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Representative Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte)

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Representative E. Werner Reschke (R-Klamath Falls)

Cc: U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio
U.S. Representative Greg Walden
Oregon Governor Kate Brown