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Ms. Ann F. Miles

Director

Office of Energy Projects

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

888 First Street NE

Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Jordan Cove LNG Terminal Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline Project

Docket Nos. CP13-483-000 and CP13-492-000

Klamath, Jackson, Douglas and Coos Counties, Oregon

Dear Ms. Miles,

On behalf of the No LNG Coalition made up of multiple organizations throughout Oregon, we are writing in support of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s decision to deny the Jordan Cove LNG terminal and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. We are community members who support your decision and believe that the risks of this project highly outweigh the benefits. The negative impacts this project would have on Southern Oregon communities are numerous.

We have supported your decision on the project since its announcement on March 11, 2016 and do not believe the situation with the applicant has changed. Your commission has asked the applicant numerous times to supply information regarding the contracts for this project,[[1]](#footnote-1) and the applicant has been unable to do so. Even after the denial, the applicant was only able to produce two handshake deals for less than half of its capacity[[2]](#footnote-2)- deals that are conditioned on price agreements[[3]](#footnote-3) and on the project even receiving the necessary permits.[[4]](#footnote-4) These deals are incomplete, missing key terms, and do not amount to actual contracts.[[5]](#footnote-5) There is no public benefit to a project that has been unable to negotiate contracts and would harm individuals, communities, and natural resources.

The opposition to this project is overwhelming. A large majority of landowners who would lose access to their property refuse to sign contracts with Williams, the pipeline company. Much of the land has not been obtained by the company through contracts and landowners are still unwilling to do so.[[6]](#footnote-6) Eminent domain would need to be invoked for those who object to contracts with the pipeline crossing their property. Many of these landowners have been fighting this proposal for over a decade, and FERC’s denial was cause for celebration for these landowners and their families. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should follow guidance from a former denial and not allow the use of eminent domain for a project that does not even have a true contract for its product.[[7]](#footnote-7)

Communities across the pipeline route are overwhelmingly opposed to the project. Over 7,000 signatures in opposition to the pipeline and LNG facility have been collected in Coos and Jackson Counties alone.[[8]](#footnote-8) Many groups across the state are opposed to the pipeline and LNG facility because of its detrimental environmental and climate impacts on Oregon.

We all support you in denying a rehearing to the applicants. Your commission has already made the right decision with regard to this project, and should not extend the process further.

Sincerely,

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1. *See* 154 FERC ¶ 61,190, 7-9. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. “preliminary agreement signed today covers the purchase by JERA of at least 1.5 million tonnes per annum” http://www.vereseninc.com/newsroom/news-releases/?path=%2Fmanual-releases%2F2016%2FVeresen-Concludes-Key-Terms-with-JERA-for-Jordan-C [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. “This agreement is subject to the negotiation of a mutually acceptable, definitive liquefaction tolling agreement, which Veresen and ITOCHU will continue to work together to conclude”

   http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160408005808/en/Veresen-ITOCHU-Agree-Key-Terms-Jordan-Cove [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. “It’s subject to conditions including regulatory approvals and reaching a detailed tolling agreement”

   http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/japanese-venture8232and-jordan-cove8232-agree-to-g/ [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. *See* 139 FERC ¶ 61,033, 7. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. *See* <http://www.nrtoday.com/news/environment/jordan_cove/pipeline-protesters-we-re-not-going-away/article_469595e6-fb97-11e5-834b-23ded2422ae1.html>, and

   <http://www.nrtoday.com/multimedia/jordan-cove-energy-protest-no-means-no/youtube_adea4d08-40c3-5add-a3e1-32bacec8e0b3.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share>, and

   http://kcby.com/news/local/landowners-gather-on-hwy-101-to-protest-lng-pipeline [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. 139 FERC ¶ 61,033, 7. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Figure from signatures in database in collected in Jackson County, and hundreds of pages of signatures from Coos County submitted to FERC. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)