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The Honorable Norman C. Bay, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Delta County, Colorado Commissioners continued support for the Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline (Docket Nos. CP13-483-001 and CP13-492-001)

Dear Chairman Bay,

Delta County Board of Commissioners fully supports the Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. Significant developments have occurred since the initial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) decision denying permit approval, and we urge the Commission to grant a rehearing so that this project may obtain approval and move forward.

Concerns initially presented by FERC pertaining to these projects have been resolved. Previous permit denial was issued based on project justification, as no committed customers were identified. This has been resolved as Jera Co. has announced their commitment to be a leading customer of the Jordan Cove Project. As a significant purchaser of liquid natural gas, the demand can be justified, proving the value of this project locally, regionally and nationally.

Delta County has taken a huge economic hit in the last three years with the loss of over 1000 coal mining jobs. While market conditions contributed to the downturn in the price, additional regulation also played a role. Delta County encourages FERC to use this opportunity to grant a rehearing of this project and allow Western Colorado to recover in a responsible and economical manner. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call us at 970-874-2102.

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