

November 4, 2016

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

***Re: Support for the Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Rehearing
Docket No. CP13-483-001 and Docket No. CP13-492-001***

Dear Chairman Bay,

Please accept this letter of support for the **Jordan Cover Energy Project** and **Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline** as contained in ***Docket No. CP13-483-001*** and ***Docket No. CP13-492-001***. As the economic development organization for Mesa County which is located in the heart of the Piceance Basin in the Colorado Rocky Mountain region, we strongly urge your prompt consideration and rehearing on the project.

As you are aware, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued decisions on March 11, 2016 not to approve the ***Jordan Cove Energy Project*** and ***Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline***. A primary consideration in that decision was a lack of a defined market with identified and confirmed customers of the resource in the Asian marketplace to justify the construction of the project. Since that decision, there have been several important developments that should be taken into consideration by FERC in a rehearing. Specifically, Jera Co., Inc., one of two of the world's largest purchaser's of LNG by volume, has sent a letter to FERC, committing in writing to be a leading customer of the Jordan Cove project. Jera notes in its correspondence that LNG is a *"critical element of Japan's energy mix"* and that the *"West coast of North America has the potential to play an important role in global energy security."*

As additional support for your reconsideration, please note the United States Department of the interior's Geologic Survey released a report in June, 2016 that now estimates that the Piceance Basin contains 66 trillion cubic feet of shale natural gas, 74 million barrels of shale oil and 45 million barrels of natural gas liquids that are undiscovered and technically recoverable resources in the Mancos Shale. This resource was once believed to be only be 1.6 trillion cubic feet as recently as 2003.) This would conservatively place the Piceance Basin as the second largest producible shale basin in North America.

Over the years, Mesa County has been subject to the ups and downs related to the energy industry and has had a difficult time recovering from the last "bust." Having the ability to

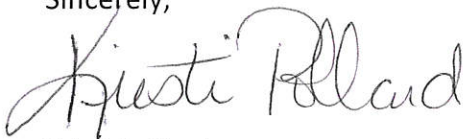
market the abundant natural gas supply produced in the Piceance Basin to markets beyond the United States will result in a stabilized production program over longer periods of time, thus reducing the sharp swings in gas prices and development activity that exists in a smaller US contained market economy. We believe this will result in an equally positive effect on our regional job base and is vital to our local communities so heavily reliant on tax revenue to provide their services.

As you know, this project continues to maintain an extremely high level of bi-partisan support in the State of Colorado at all levels of government including County Commissioners, the Colorado State House of Representatives and Senate, Governor John Hickenlooper, and United States Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress. Most notably, the Republican controlled Colorado Senate recently endorsed the Jordan Cove project which included 9 (nine) Democrats in the endorsement. In addition to this support, members of the Colorado Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) recently visited Coos Bay to tour the site as well as begin building a solid trade relationship between local Oregon and Colorado communities in the spirit of trade relationships and were extremely well-received.

Lastly, our organization was able to host several Japanese energy customers in August of this year and they expressed their desire for the project and their commitment to the area that would supply LNG.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for accepting this letter of support for the ***Jordan Cove Energy Project*** and ***Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline***.

Sincerely,



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