



November 3, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Bay:

The City of Rifle, Colorado requests the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reconsider its decision of March 11, 2016 rejecting Jordan Cove's certificate to build the terminal that would deliver liquefied natural gas to Pacific Rim markets.


The City of Rifle is home to significant oil and gas activity in the Piceance Basin and we support the approval of this project. With the downturn in the economy, this project could provide a significant economic benefit of a steady natural gas market with customers eager to buy natural gas from the Piceance Basin.

A primary consideration in FERC rendering the decision indicated a lack of a defined market and confirmed customers in the Asian marketplace to justify the construction of the project. Since our original letter dated May 4, 2016, there has been a significant development that should be considered by FERC in a rehearing that addresses this primary consideration. Jera Co., Inc., one of the two largest customers and the world's largest purchaser of LNG by volume, has committed to you in writing about their interest and commitment to be a leading customer of the Jordan Cove project.

The Jordan Cove export facility is the only viable LNG facility on the West coast that would directly link Colorado to new energy markets via the Ruby Pipeline which originates in Northwest Colorado and carries natural gas from this region to states further west of Colorado. National security may also be well served as this export facility could further aid U.S. allies in supplying their energy needs and creating a more stable geo-political future.

The City of Rifle requests the Department of Energy and FERC reconsider its decision of the Jordan Cove LNG Facility based on the market demand and we thank the Commission for accepting this letter of support.

Sincerely,


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Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rifle