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

Re: Rio Blanco 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,

We write this letter to demonstrate our unwavering support of the Jordan Cove Energy Project and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. Significant developments have occurred since the initial FERC decision denying permit approval, and we urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner (FERC) 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 nationally and globally.

In addition to the substantial customer commitment, 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 new information proves the Piceance Basin is the second largest producible shale basin in North America. To have an asset such as this in Western Colorado, and Rio Blanco County, our economy and future livelihood depend on governmental policy that will allow us to tap into these resources and provide clean energy to the United States and abroad.

As a county located within the supply area for the Jordan Cove projects, we value the bipartisan support offered to this project, and know this project will provide a reliable clean energy source, reducing the carbon footprint, all while responsibly developing natural gas production in the Piceance Basin.

Recently, a contingent from Western Colorado, including Rio Blanco County Commissioner Shawn Bolton visited the proposed site in Coos Bay, Oregon, with the overall purpose of strengthening relationships between the two states, and building a better understanding of the

magnitude of positive impact these projects will have on our communities. We are committed to working with the multitude of partners it will require to move a project such as this forward.

We thank you for allowing us to provide comment on this issue, and please contact us if you have any questions. We warmly extend an invitation to you and your staff to visit the Piceance Basin and Rio Blanco County. We know you will be impressed when you witness the supply area for the Jordan Cove projects. If you need to contact us, we can be reached by email at bocc@rbc.us.

Sincerely,
Board of County Commissioners, Rio Blanco County

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Shawn Bolton, Chairman

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Jeff Eskelson

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Jon D. Hill