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**West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association Promises Continued Support for Jordan Cove LNG
*Praises Jordan Cove LNG's Blockbuster Customer Announcement***

Western Colorado, March 22, 2016 – The Western Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association (WSCOGA) praised the announcement from Jordan Cove LNG that the world's largest liquefied natural gas buyer will soon be in a position to pursue free trade and business relations with Western Colorado.

The customer announcement follows a recent FERC decision denying Jordan Cove LNG despite FERC's own staff approval of the project on an environmental basis. In the decision FERC cited a lack of customer interest or "market need" as a reason for the permit denial. David Ludlam, WSCOGA's Executive Director noted that, "If the world's largest, most reliable purchaser of LNG, who also happens to be the United States' most important Pacific ally, isn't enough to convince FERC of a market need for Jordan Cove LNG, then certainly nothing will."

Leaders from Western Colorado's Piceance and Sandwash Basins traveled to Calgary in 2015 on a trade mission that included promoting Jordan Cove LNG. The Western Colorado delegation included local governments, business development organizations and business leaders promoting the project known as Piceance to the Pacific Rim. The white paper, commissioned by the Colorado Mesa University Unconventional Energy Center and the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, revealed Jordan Cove LNG as the most important project for Colorado and the Piceance Basin due to the fact that pipelines connecting Oregon and Colorado already exist. John Harpole, association member and CEO of Mercator Energy reinforced that "it's hard to imagine Veresen could have announced a more compelling customer when it comes to reversing FERC's decision and showing a current and future market need."

The Project Manager for Jordan Cove LNG will be in Grand Junction, CO in April on an information tour titled, from *Colorado to the Cove*.

Dan Haley, President and CEO of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association noted the larger Colorado business community is beginning to realize that election year politics can negatively impact projects like Jordan Cove LNG as evidenced in the shocking FERC denial earlier in March. "Colorado's energy and natural gas industry continues to look to Senators Bennet and Gardner and Governor Hickenlooper to help ensure the FERC process is fair to Colorado and acknowledges the tremendous value of today's Jordan Cove customer announcement." Haley concluded, "From the Rocky Mountains to Coos Bay and onto new markets this announcement is hopefully the first page, in a new chapter in the story of Western Colorado's natural gas business."

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