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June 1, 2016

The Honorable Ernest Moniz, Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Moniz:

I am writing to reiterate my support for the Jordan Cove Energy and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Project. Jordan Cove is in a good position to move this project forward, even in light of FERC's recent denial. The company has signed contracts for a substantial portion of the terminal and pipeline capacity, and is making good progress with other Japanese customers for the remaining capacity.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project remains incredibly important to my members in Oregon and Washington, and to the region as a whole. Southwest Oregon is hurting – the economy is virtually non-existent. The Jordan Cove project will create thousands of family-wage high skilled construction jobs and hundreds of permanent jobs. The project will generate hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenues and other payments that will be used to make area schools better – the same schools that are attended by my members' children, and those of their friends and neighbors. The company is also supporting other infrastructure improvements in the region, including projects that will bring a new supply of reliable and affordable natural gas to southern Oregon communities, all of which could spur additional development, and even more jobs for my members.

The company assures me that they remain solidly behind the project. Jordan Cove is full speed ahead on engineering, permitting and design work. There have also been questions about the status of right-of-way acquisition for the pipeline. It is important to put right-of-way acquisition in the right perspective. As the facility is a four-year construction project and the pipeline is a two-year construction project, the company has some wiggle room on right-of-way acquisition for the pipeline. For this reason, Jordan Cove has expended funds on critical path items such as engineering, permitting and design, while limiting right-of-way acquisition to critical crossing and surface facility parcels.

It is also worth noting that land-use patterns along the right-of-way indicate that the use of eminent domain will be limited. In fact, only one-fifth of one mile, or less than 0.01 percent of the pipeline route, is residential. Along the entire pipeline route, there are just 10 residences within 50 feet of the right of way. Furthermore, only 41 percent of the pipeline right-of-way is located on private lands (this does not include timber companies, with which the company fully expects to reach a commercial agreement). The company has already acquired land rights from 67 of the 255 private landowners – over 26 percent of them. Post construction, a majority of the right-of-way can be returned to its prior use, including farming and grazing.

Lastly, but certainly not least, Jordan Cove has demonstrated the commercial viability of the project. The company has signed contracts for at least 50% of the liquefaction facility's capacity, including with JERA, the single largest buyer of LNG in the world, and with Itochu, a highly respected Japanese company. Jordan Cove has also signed transportation services precedent agreements for 77% of the pipeline's capacity with three different entities, including the local gas utility for Southern Oregon, Avista. Speaking as a key stakeholder in this project, we are fortunate that these important companies remain committed to the project and employing the highest trained, most skilled construction workforce in the world.

My members in Oregon and Washington are eager to see the Jordan Cove project move forward. I hope you and your staff will join us in promoting this project, especially to our trading partners in Japan.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean McGarvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

Sean McGarvey
President



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