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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Attn: Larine Moore and Marc Talbert
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RE: FE Docket No. 12-32-LNG

Dear Ms. Moore and Mr. Talbert:

Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) is writing in support of the application by Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas produced from domestic and Canadian resources to non-Free Trade Agreement (NFTA) countries. If authorized, the Jordan Cove project would become the first LNG export facility to be constructed on the lower 48 U.S. Pacific coast that would provide access to abundant natural gas supplies being developed in both the U.S. and Canada.

The magnitude of infrastructure required to economically produce LNG requires a large base-load customer, making long-term financial commitments in order to justify the enormous investment required. However, once such a facility is placed in-service, incremental expansions can be made to supply the LNG needs of additional, smaller customers. While MEA is currently exploring the possibility of using domestically produced LNG to complement Alaskan natural gas supplies, a transition to LNG requires first and foremost access to a reasonable priced source of LNG. A world-scale LNG facility, underpinned financially by export commitments to NFTA customers, provides the foundation upon which smaller volume LNG users, such as MEA, can piggyback.

For these reasons, we ask that you approve Jordan Cove Energy Partners, L.P.'s application to export LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

Sincerely,

Evan J. Griffith
General Manager

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