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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Washington, DC 20026-4375

Via email: fergas@hq.doe.gov

Re: FE Docket No. 12-32-LNG

Dear Mr. Talbert & Ms. Moore,

We are writing in support of the application by Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. (and any other U.S. west coast facility) 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 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 Hawaii is currently exploring the possibility of using domestically produced LNG to substitute for imported oil, 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 Hawaii, can piggyback.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Vuillemot".

Scott L. Vuillemot
President
American Marine Corporation