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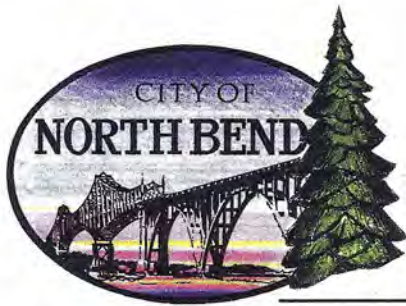
To Whom it may Concern,

Please include in the comments on the 2012 LNG Export Study the attached City of North Bend, Oregon, support letter.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the families and small businesses of the City of North Bend, we are writing to offer our support for the recent analysis conducted on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy examining the economic impact of overseas sales of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

LNG exports can help grow our economy and create needed jobs. As the NERA study found:

Across all these scenarios, the U.S. was projected to gain net economic benefits from allowing LNG exports. Moreover, for every one of the market scenarios examined, net economic benefits increased as the level of LNG exports increased.

North Bend is a community that stands to directly benefit from the development of LNG exports, with the proposed Jordan Cove facility located on Coos Bay. Local unemployment stands at 10.4 percent. Construction on the facility and associated infrastructure would create thousands of needed construction jobs and about 180 permanent jobs directly connected to the facility.

The economic investment in our community will also pay dividends, helping support the badly needed resurgence of the Port of Coos Bay and providing millions of dollars for county and local services. Jordan Cove's commitment to funding education in our local school districts will provide a real boost to our underfunded schools. This would be in addition to the resulting infusion of economic activity that will benefit businesses across our local economy.

We hope that the results of this study will help direct federal energy policy on LNG exports and clear a path to begin development of this valuable facility here in Coos County, Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Rick Wetherell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Rick Wetherell, Mayor
City of North Bend, Oregon