

September 24, 2008

Mr. David Kronsteiner, Commission Chair  
Oregon International Port of Coos Bay  
125 Central  
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Re: Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline

Dear Mr. Kronsteiner,

I offer the following as testimony for the record in support of the Port approving an extension of the purchase agreement with Weyerhaeuser for the North Spit property designated for use by the Jordan Cove Energy Project.

A close and careful analysis of the facts surrounding this matter leads us to conclude, without hesitation, that a<sup>n</sup> LNG terminal on the North Spit will bring significant benefit to Coos County. The economic impact of 120 new direct and indirect family wage jobs is not to be taken lightly. The multiplier effect would spawn perhaps an additional 200 or more jobs providing goods and services to the operation, its employees and others. An ultimate annual infusion of approximately \$10 million in property taxes benefits our schools and the services our county government provides, including law enforcement. The revenues accruing directly to the Port are significant and would provide the means to increase investment in infrastructure so desperately needed in this area. The construction of the terminal and pipeline would bring,

according to FERC some \$117 million in wage related revenues to the area and an additional \$74 million in goods and services.

An analysis of the facts supports the view that the operation of an LNG facility is safe and does not pose a danger to the citizens of our area. The peakshaving facility in Newport, OR has been there for many years without incident. The LNG marine terminal on the Charles River near Boston, MA is but a stone's throw from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University where it has operated for many decades without incident and it certainly does not seem to bother the two citadels<sup>of</sup> knowledge in its proximity. The facts are such there is very little empirical evidence regarding safety issues precisely because there have been almost no incidents of death or injury despite this country having well over a hundred LNG storage installations, many of which are decades old.

In conclusion, we are satisfied there is no evidence supporting the claims that an LNG terminal and gas pipeline represent any unreasonable danger to our citizens and the economic benefits to the community are so significant we believe it would be irresponsible for the Port Commission to do anything other than approve the proposed extension and to continue to do everything within its power to ensure this project comes to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Friends of New and Sustainable Industry.