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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Jordan Cove LNG Terminal and Pacific connector pipeline
docket number PF17-4-000

Dear FERC Commission:

This letter provides the comments of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) in support of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) plan to move forward with an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the potential impacts of a planned liquefied natural gas export terminal at Coos Country, Oregon.

The National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) represents a myriad of companies engaged in all aspects of American offshore energy production, including exploration -- both majors and independents -- production, equipment manufacture, service and supply, transportation and other related offshore support sectors. Either directly or indirectly, our member companies are all working to explore for and produce energy resources from the nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in a safe and environmentally sensitive manner.

As energy explorers and producers, we urge you to proceed with the planned EIS expeditiously and examine the potential impacts of the proposed pipeline and export terminal. We believe you will find any potential environmental impacts to be tremendously offset by the benefits of increased domestic export of LNG to foreign nations.

Development of America's export markets is critically important to America's energy future. Export of American produced LNG will be a benefit to both Oregon, through jobs and infrastructure construction, and to all of America through increased domestic exports, greater national energy security and increased U.S. presence as an international leader on energy. That increased presence will provide our allies alternatives to energy from unstable regimes. A Pacific LNG port, like the one proposed will particularly help South Korea and Japan ease their dependence on unstable Middle Eastern nations like Yemen and Qatar.

New export projects, like this one, are extremely critical to the local economies of Oregon and other western U.S. states where the natural gas will be produced through the combination of investment in infrastructure and energy production. In summary, NOIA strongly encourages FERC to move quickly to examine this project knowing full well that its timely approval will lead to more American jobs and American energy resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Charters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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