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Public Comment on the Jordan Cove Energy Project (**CP17-494-000 and CP17-495-000**)

Dear Members of the FERC Commission:

The Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC) strongly opposes the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Pacific Connector Pipeline project (**CP17-494-000 and CP17-495-000**). FERC should not issue Authorization and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity because the adverse environmental, public safety and other impacts of these projects demonstrate that the projects are contrary to the public interest. Additionally, the DEIS fails to support its conclusions that the projects would have only some limited adverse environmental impacts. FERC therefore cannot and should not proceed without revising its analysis and any revised analysis must be made available for further public comment prior to any FERC decision to grant the pending application.

Specifically, the NEC shares these concerns with local groups about the following impacts:

- Traditional tribal territories, cultural resources, and burial grounds are threatened by the pipeline. The Klamath, Siletz, Karuk, Yurok, and Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribes have all come out in strong opposition to the pipeline.
- The drinking water supplies for more than 150,000 Oregonian's could be contaminated by the chemicals used during construction of the pipeline.
- The LNG export terminal would be constructed in an area at risk for a high magnitude earthquake. The Coos Bay area is located near the Cascadia Subduction Zone off of the Oregon Coast. Scientists estimate that there is a 40 percent chance of a major earthquake in the Coos Bay region during the next 50 years.
- The export terminal and increased fracking would make climate change worse. The terminal alone would become the largest climate polluter in Oregon by 2020.
- Hundreds of private landowners will be impacted along the pipeline route and many will be threatened with eminent domain if they do not settle for permanent use of their land.
- Farms, fishing, and recreation businesses will suffer as the project impacts waterways nearly 500 times and damages sensitive salmon and steelhead habitat. Hurting existing jobs and businesses
- Fracked gas is explosive and the terminal would be located in a tsunami zone. The pipeline would be located in wildfire-prone areas and over 16,000 people near the terminal would be in a "Hazardous Burn Zone."
- Exporting LNG would raise prices for consumers here at home by 36-54%, according to the US Department of Energy.

The Northcoast Environmental Center strongly opposes this project and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should deny with prejudice the Authorization and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Sincerely,

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