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OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

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Ms. Ann F. Miles
Director
Office of Energy Projects
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Ms. Miles :

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) requests and supports the approval of the Jordan Cove LNG and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline project. AGNC represents local governments from seven counties in Northwest Colorado and our members strongly support the approval of this project.

Our communities are experiencing significant economic stress and a third downturn in our local economies since the year 2000. The region is home to significant stores of natural gas and, should the Jordan Cove export facility be approved and constructed, our communities would benefit from a stabilization of natural gas pricing in providing this valuable resource to Asian markets. A price stabilization would help improve investment in our region by providing a stable customer in the form of Tokyo Electric Power Company and Chubu Electric Power Company purchases. Newspaper reports that the demand of these entities would make them the world's largest purchaser of liquefied natural gas products.

The project terminal is the only viable LNG facility on the West coast that would directly link Colorado to new energy markets via the Ruby Pipeline which originates in Northwest Colorado and carries natural gas from that region to states further west of Colorado. The approval and ultimate construction of the Jordan Cove facility will open international markets and economic opportunity for rural Northwestern Colorado communities as well as provide federal, state and local revenues derived from Federal mineral royalties and state severance taxes collected on natural gas production. We believe it is in the national interest to provide export opportunities to the Western United States that have been afforded to the Gulf and Maryland export facilities in other regions of the country. National security may also be well served as this export facility could further aid in helping U.S. allies in supplying their energy needs thus creating a more stable geo-political future.

It's with great optimism for the future of our economy that our members request the Department of Energy and FERC afford Colorado this economic opportunity by approving Jordan Cove LNG thereby ensuring that companies in the Rocky Mountain region have the

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incentive to produce natural gas in the future. Our members request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission act quickly in the matter of the requested rehearing on the Jordan Cove Project when it is filed. Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments and concerns; we look forward to a favorable ruling from your organizations. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, Bonnie Petersen, at 970-640-8181.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Eskelson, Chairman
Rio Blanco County Commissioner



Martin Chazen, Vice-Chairman
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