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Jordan Cove Project sees strong support at Coos County FERC hearing

June 24, 2019 – Coos Bay, OR – Today, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) experienced strong support for the Jordan Cove Project at the public hearing on the Project’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The hearing, held at Southwestern Oregon Community College from 1pm – 8pm, allowed local residents to provide comments about the Project and the DEIS in a one-on-one format with FERC officials. This one-on-one format allowed supporters to freely and safely delivery their testimony and voice their support for the Project in private rooms.

“We were pleased to see the strong turnout of Jordan Cove supporters at the hearing today in Coos Bay,” said Paul Vogel, media affairs consultant for Jordan Cove. “Between securing voluntary easement agreements with impacted landowners on 82% of the private lands and the positive DEIS received from FERC, the Project has made great progress in the last few months. It is time for us to continue to move forward and make Jordan Cove a reality for the many residents of southern Oregon who have been awaiting this project and the benefits it will bring to their families and communities for nearly 14 years.”

The FERC DEIS being commented on was released in March and represented positive momentum for the Project, pointing to a majority of environmental impacts being “less than significant due to the implementation of proposed and recommended impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.” Jordan Cove continues to work with state and federal agencies on a robust compensatory mitigation plan that goes above and beyond requirements.

Today’s lengthy hearing also provided an opportunity for the public to weigh in on the benefits the Project will have for residents of Coos County, including \$40 million to Coos County in tax revenue each year, thousands of jobs and more than \$500 million to the Community Enhancement Plan foundations, which will direct Enterprise Zone tax savings to local governments immediately after the Project begins.

“The Jordan Cove Project has strong support from the community in Coos Bay and we were happy to show our support at today’s FERC hearing,” said Todd Goergen, local business owner and Coos Bay resident. “From the jobs it will bring, to the influx of tax revenue it will provide for local schools and other important public services, to the environmental mitigation and enhancement project Pembina will complete at the Kentuck site, this project will be a game-changer for residents of the south coast.”

From what we heard from those who provided testimony, FERC received quality, substantive input from many local residents relevant to the determining issues for the Commission. Pembina and Jordan Cove are looking forward to continuing the positive momentum at the FERC hearings in Douglas, Jackson and Klamath Counties later this week.

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