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Re: FE Docket No. 12-32-LNG

Dear Ms. Moore, Mr. Talbert and Mr. Myers,

We are writing to support the application by Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. to export liquefied natural gas to non-Free Trade Agreement countries. This project will be a boon to the Southern Oregon economy, providing thousands of jobs for our members, who have been hard-hit by the recession.

We represent the skilled men and women of the Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas Building Trades Council. Even before the current recession, our members have frequently had to live away from their homes and families for extended periods to find work. By creating more than 2,600 jobs at peak, the scale of the Jordan Cove project means our members will have employment for up to three years in Southern Oregon.

Equally important to us is that Jordan Cove's long construction period will provide apprenticeship opportunities for people to enter the construction trades and learn valuable skills while building a technologically advanced and complex project. This is the kind of experience that will enhance our members' construction expertise and thus enhance our ability to perpetuate the skilled ranks within our trades.

We also support Jordan Cove's application because of the lasting economic benefits it will bring to Oregon. Once in operation, Jordan Cove will pay approximately \$25 million per year in local taxes, supporting schools, public safety and social services, and roads in the coastal and Southern Oregon communities in which our members live. These taxes will go a long way toward replacing tax revenue lost from Oregon's declining timber industry.

The improvements Jordan Cove will make to the Port of Coos Bay will also improve the Port's ability to compete for business, thereby creating even more jobs. The men and women of Labor

support Jordan Cove because it will provide lasting job opportunities and long-term financial support through tax payments to local governments in Southern Oregon. We respectfully ask that you approve Jordan Cove's application to export liquefied natural gas to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick B. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Patrick B. Smith- Secretary/ Treasurer
Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas Bldg. Trades Council