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The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council

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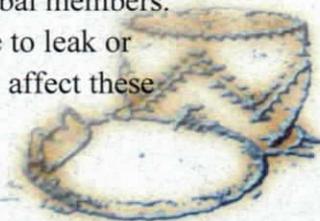
RE: OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 3, Jordan Cove Energy Project LP, Docket No. CP13-483-000,
Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP, Docket No. CP13-492-000

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The Klamath Tribes write to support the Oregon SHPO in its communication with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the applications identified above to build the Jordan Cove Project and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Project (collectively, the Project). The Klamath Tribes strongly oppose the Project, and we were pleased to learn that on March 11, 2016, FERC decided to deny the applications. However, we understand that FERC has agreed to a rehearing of the applications, and we strongly support a decision by FERC to deny the applications. We also learned from Paul Friedman, FERC's Environmental Project Manager, that the Memorandum of Agreement which was the subject of Christine Curran's letter to FERC dated February 22, 2016, is no longer in effect.

The Klamath Tribes oppose the Project because it has been transformed into a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility in Coos Bay, Oregon, supplied by an LNG pipeline that runs from Malin, Oregon, to Coos Bay. Thus, construction of the LNG pipeline from Malin would take place on lands that are within the traditional territory of the Klamath Tribes, and where there are located many significant cultural resources of historical importance to the Tribes. The route of the LNG pipeline that we have examined shows it going through areas where villages once existed and it may unearth human remains since graves with human remains have been found in these areas. The route also would go under the Klamath River and the Rogue River, which since time immemorial have been and continue to be important sources of fish for Tribal members. The Tribes are concerned with the risks to fish species if the LNG pipeline were to leak or otherwise release contaminants into these Rivers, and how that would adversely affect these important sources of fish and the health of Tribal members.

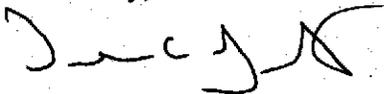
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For these reasons, the Klamath Tribes strongly support efforts by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) to require a great deal of additional archeological work and cultural resource identification if FERC were to reverse its decision to deny the applications for the Project. Our heartfelt hope is that after the rehearing, FERC will affirm its March 11, 2016, denial of the applications. The losses of our cultural resources and risks presented by the Project clearly outweigh any benefits to the public from building the LNG pipeline and the Jordan Cove terminal for the export of LNG.

The Klamath Tribes appreciate the efforts by the Oregon SHPO to protect our shared cultural resources which would be endangered if the Project is allowed to go forward. Please let me know of any communications about the Project or decisions by FERC with regard to the rehearing. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me or Perry Chocktoot, Culture and Heritage Director, at (541) 783-2219.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mark Ingersoll, CTCLUSI Tribal Chairman
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