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Survey Shows Strong Support for Southwest Oregon LNG Terminal, Pipeline

COOS BAY, Ore. – A public opinion survey shows more than 3-to-1 support for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal and natural gas pipeline in southwestern Oregon.

“This shows a strong majority of the public recognizes the need for more energy sources to create jobs and support Oregon’s economy,” said Bob Braddock, project manager for Jordan Cove Energy, which is developing the LNG terminal in Coos Bay.

The natural gas pipeline would run from the Coos Bay terminal to Malin, Ore., located south of Klamath Falls. It would be developed by Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline; comprised of Williams, PG&E Strategic Capital and Fort Chicago Energy Partners. Williams would build and operate the pipeline.

The survey found that 56 percent of the respondents favored the LNG terminal, compared with only 16 percent who opposed it. A similar number – 54 percent – favored the pipeline, with only 16 percent in opposition. The rest were undecided.

Support was relatively even across Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties, where the terminal and pipeline would be located. By county, supporters outnumbered opponents by the following margins:

<u>County</u>	<u>Terminal</u>	<u>Pipeline</u>
Coos County	57% to 23%	56% to 23%
Douglas County	62% to 15%	55% to 13%
Jackson County	46% to 16%	46% to 22%
Klamath County	59% to 9%	60% to 7%

Survey respondents who supported the project cited the creation of new jobs and additional energy sources as the primary reasons to build the project. The vast majority – 82 percent – of respondents said pipelines can be operated safely. However, 65 percent opposed pipeline companies’ use of eminent domain to acquire right of way when agreement cannot be reached with landowners.

Dan Lattin, Williams' project manager for the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, said he doesn't believe eminent domain will be a significant issue on this project. "We will negotiate in good faith and reach an agreement with a substantial majority of landowners," he said.

The project would create an estimated 400 new permanent jobs and provide an additional source of energy for Oregon, Washington and northern California. Cost of the LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline project is estimated at \$2.5 billion.

The survey was conducted by Moore Information, a public-opinion research firm based in Portland, Ore., for Jordan Cove Energy and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. It was conducted by telephone among a representative sample of 400 voters, including 100 in each of the four counties. The survey had a potential margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

The survey results stand in strong contrast to the public hearings held last month by FERC in the four counties the pipeline will pass through. While supporters outnumbered opponents at the hearing in Coos Bay, the hearings in Roseburg, Medford, and Klamath Falls were dominated by opponents. The hearings were recently held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

"Opponents are generally more motivated to speak out at hearings than supporters are," said Bob Moore of Moore Information, who oversaw the survey. "What's indisputable is that the majority of the public supports the project."

The proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project is a state-of-the-art liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal to be located in the International Port of Coos Bay in Oregon. When built, the facility will be capable of receiving LNG supplies from specially designed marine vessels; storing the natural gas in liquid form; and re-delivering those natural gas supplies through interconnecting pipelines to the Pacific Northwest and adjacent markets.

The Pacific Connector project is a 230-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline designed to transport up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day from the Jordan Cove LNG terminal to markets in the region.

The Pacific Connector project includes interconnects to Williams' majority owned Northwest Pipeline near Myrtle Creek, Ore., Avista Corporation's distribution system near Shady Cove, Ore., as well as Pacific Gas and Electric Company's gas transmission system, Tuscarora Gas Transmission's system and Gas Transmission Northwest's system, all located near Malin, Ore.

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