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Pacific Connector Draft Environmental Impact Statement Released

Portland, Ore. – Today the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service are announcing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s release of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Jordan Cove Energy and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Projects.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is the lead Federal agency for this proposed project. The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Reclamation are cooperating agencies and these agencies actions are included as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s analysis. The Bureau of Land Management has authorities under the Natural Gas Act to issue rights-of way on behalf of itself and other Federal agencies.

The proposed pipeline crosses approximately 40 miles of Bureau of Land Management-administered lands and approximately 31 miles of U.S. Forest Service-administered lands. Less than one mile of Bureau of Reclamation administered lands are crossed by the proposed pipeline. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be analyzing potential impacts to listed species, vegetation, habitat, wetlands and waterbodies, and visual resources that could be affected by the pipeline project. The proposed Liquefied Natural Gas export facility portion of the project is located entirely on private lands.

Once the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission releases the Final Environmental Impact Statement the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service will move forward with consideration of right-of-way grants and land use plan amendments.

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s website: www.ferc.gov

Written comments on the pipeline project can be sent to:

Jordan Cove Energy and PCGP Projects Draft EIS
Kimberley D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

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To be sure that comments are properly filed the public should refer to Federal Energy regulatory Commission docket numbers:

CP13-483-000 (Jordan Cove Energy Project)

CP13-492-000 (Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Project)

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