

**News Release****For Immediate Release****Contact: Tom Ivancie  
(503) 333-4233****Energy Action NW Applauds FERC's 3-1 Decision in Favor of Jordan Cove**

(Portland, OR: December 17, 2009) Energy Action Northwest (EANW), the business and labor coalition promoting rational energy policy development to support jobs and economic growth, today applauded the decision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to approve the siting application of the Jordan Cove Energy Project, an LNG receiving terminal proposed for Coos Bay, Oregon. This action brings the project one step closer to eventual construction and operation, although a number of additional regulatory and environmental approvals are still pending.

Upon hearing of today's FERC decision, EANW Executive Director Tom Ivancie stated, "This approval means that another Oregon-based energy infrastructure project has crossed an important regulatory threshold. It is a significant affirmation of the soundness of the Jordan Cove project and a major step forward in the critical process of bringing much needed affordable energy, and additional jobs, to our region."

Energy Action has cited new energy infrastructure projects, such as the proposed LNG receiving terminals at Jordan Cove and Bradwood Landing, as essential components of economic recovery in the Pacific Northwest. These projects, once they receive final approvals, will create significant construction jobs, and many other permanent jobs, and will involve an impressive private sector investment in the region. In addition, by assuring the region of continued access to a reliable, affordable supply of natural gas for the generation of clean electricity, the climate for further business and industrial growth will be significantly strengthened.

"Every Oregon citizen has a vested interest in seeing these projects succeed," stated Ivancie. "They hold the keys to reliable and affordable home heating and electricity costs as well as to job growth. We hope that these important objectives will not be blocked by the continued antics of the radical fringe."

*Energy Action Northwest is a public policy advocacy group representing businesses and labor organizations in the Pacific Northwest that are concerned about the reliability and affordability of electricity and natural gas. Its members are energy stakeholders who support the organization's objectives recommending energy policies based on sound economics, science, rational environmental stewardship and competitive cost. The organization also provides accurate information and context needed to correct misinformation created by certain opponents to the development of new energy infrastructure in Oregon and Washington.*

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