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### **Business & Labor Coalition Welcomes FERC Ruling on Bradwood Landing**

(Portland, OR, January 15, 2009) Energy Action Northwest (EANW), a coalition of business and labor leaders formed last year to advocate for rational energy policies and development, today welcomed the decision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to deny all requests for rehearing of its decision last year to approve the proposed Bradwood Landing LNG Terminal in Astoria, OR.

Several environmental groups and the State of Oregon had requested a rehearing of FERC's favored decision last fall, which came after an exhaustive, over four-year review of the application by NorthernStar Natural Gas to construct the terminal on the Columbia River.

The FERC decision means that the Bradwood Landing project has now cleared all Federal requirements for approval. A number of state agencies in Oregon must still review various aspects of the proposed development. The Bradwood Landing LNG terminal would inject approximately \$800 million in private capital to develop and operate. Several hundred construction jobs and approximately 65 permanent jobs will be created as the project unfolds.

"This is a victory for the people of Oregon," stated Edward Finklea, EANW's Executive Director. "When it receives final approval, Bradwood Landing will be a shot in the arm to our ailing Oregon economy, as well as a foundation for a more secure energy future in the Northwest," he continued.

Finklea concluded, "Energy Action's membership believes that access to reliable, reasonably priced natural gas supplies is a necessary 'blue bridge' to the green future all Oregonians look forward to. We know that it is possible to balance environmental stewardship with development of energy infrastructure, as the intensive Federal scrutiny of the Bradwood Landing proposal reflects."

EANW has launched what it calls a "truth offensive" to separate the facts about energy development in Oregon from what it believes to be the many half truths and deliberate misconceptions that environmental fringe groups have created. It has pledged to embark on an aggressive and comprehensive public education effort to ensure that the vital public debate about the Northwest's energy future is framed with accurate information, context and perspective.

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*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 recognize that the Northwest needs to promote energy efficiency, renewable resource development and additional natural gas supplies. It recommends energy policies based on sound economics, science, rational environmental stewardship and competitive cost. More information is available at [www.EnergyActionNW.org](http://www.EnergyActionNW.org).*