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Contact: **Ed Finklea 503-595-1232****Energy Coalition Applauds Federal Approval of Oregon LNG Terminal**

(Portland, Oregon, September 18, 2008) Energy Action Northwest, a business and labor coalition that advocates for balanced energy policies, today applauded the 4-1 decision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to allow the proposed Bradwood Landing LNG terminal on the Columbia River in Oregon to proceed.

“The FERC process for obtaining this certificate has been long, thorough and arduous. In its order FERC has imposed over 100 conditions on its certificate to ensure public safety and environmental protection. The developers of Bradwood Landing have proven conclusively that their proposal, as modified by FERC, is economically sound and environmentally sensitive,” stated Edward Finklea, Executive Director of Energy Action NW. “At a time when demand for natural gas is growing for a number of reasons—including its use to generate electricity and its value in responding to climate change—we welcome the prospect of an LNG terminal in the Northwest.”

Finklea continued, “We believe the Bradwood Landing terminal will prove to be one of the best bargains ever offered regional energy consumers. Our region will gain access to assured gas supplies from Alaska, Australia and elsewhere on the Pacific Rim. And, because the terminal will be financed by private investors, no taxpayer or ratepayer money will be required.”

Finklea also stated that an LNG terminal will provide important alternatives for energy policymakers who are seeking to balance energy needs with environmental stewardship. “We absolutely believe that natural gas can be a blue bridge to get us away from crude oil and conventional coal to a future where we rely primarily on renewables and other alternative sources of energy. The Bradwood Landing LNG terminal will give our region critically important energy options that will be necessary to achieve rational solutions to our energy challenges. We are heartened that four out of five Commissioners agreed that the Pacific Northwest needs to gain access to new sources of natural gas and not be completely reliant on Canada and production from the US Rockies.”

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 infrastructure and supplies. It recommends energy policies based on sound economics, science, rational environmental stewardship and competitive cost. For more information, visit the Energy Action Northwest web site at www.EnergyActionNW.org.

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