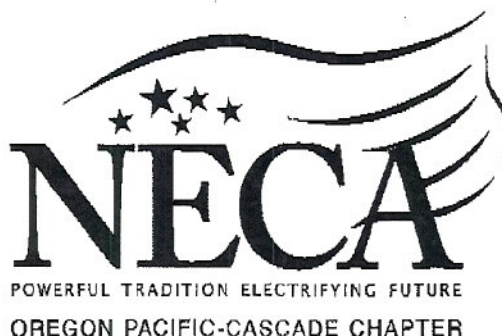


## Posting of Off-the-Record Communication

The first attached document was sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) in reference to this proceeding, Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P., docket number 12-32-LNG. This document is considered “off-the-record communication” under 10 CFR 590.102 and 590.108 because the person/entity who submitted it is an “interested person,” the communication was directed to a “decisional employee,” and the communication addressed the merits of the proceeding. The second attached document is a response that was sent from DOE. In its response, DOE made no substantive communication on this proceeding.

The comment period for this proceeding has closed. Therefore, neither this communication nor DOE’s inadvertent response will be considered as a part of the record. They are posted here in compliance with regulations. As provided in 10 CFR 590.108(a)(5), a request by a party wishing to rebut the off-the-record communication, on the record, may be submitted in writing. As specified in this regulation, such requests will be granted “only for good cause.”



October 31, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz:

We are writing to ask you to approve Jordan Cove's application to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-FTA countries prior to hitting the "pause button".

Jordan Cove will create needed business opportunities for our members and a large amount of employment for local residents. This \$7.7 billion construction project (export facility and pipeline) will employ an average of 1,750 people over 42 months with peak employment being 3,000 construction jobs. For the businesses working on this project, it will bring job security for nearly four years, which is almost unheard of in the construction industry and especially in Oregon.

Jordan Cove is paying for infrastructure improvements in Southwest Oregon and is financing the pipeline (along with The Williams Companies) with no cost to taxpayers or utility ratepayers. The infrastructure improvements will create additional business opportunities for this region, and increased availability of natural gas in Southwest Oregon will make the region more competitive in attracting industries that require reliable, large volumes of natural gas. All of this will likely lead to yet more construction projects for our members.

That is to say nothing of the strategic importance of Jordan Cove, given its proximity to Asian markets. In fact, while Jordan Cove is approximately 9 shipping days to Asia, the projects in the Gulf are 22 shipping days through the Panama Canal. Not only will Gulf Coast projects require twice the number of vessels to do the job – adding nearly \$2 billion to the cost of these projects – twice the amount of fuel will be consumed.

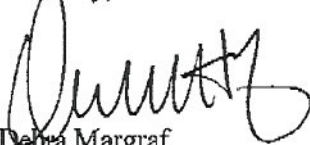
We understand that opponents of LNG exports are advocating at the highest levels of the Obama Administration for a pause prior to Jordan Cove being approved. This is ironic given that Dow CEO Andrew Liveris, one of the most vocal opponents to LNG exports, went on record last year saying that 15% of natural gas production dedicated to LNG export would work for all parties involved. In other words, according to Mr. Liveris, approving Jordan Cove wouldn't negatively

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impact U.S. manufacturing. Even if Mr. Liveris hadn't acknowledged that approving Jordan Cove is okay, the fact is that Jordan Cove will have minimal impact on gas prices. Work performed by the Navigant consultancy firm found Jordan Cove to have amongst the least average impact on prices – less than a few cents per MMBtu – amongst six proposed LNG export projects on the East Coast, in the Gulf and on the West Coast.

Simply put, having Jordan Cove put on a wait list is not good for our industry. We need you to approve the Jordan Cove Energy Project before the pause.

Sincerely,



Debra Margraf  
Executive Manager



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

November 5, 2013

Debra Margraf  
Executive Manager, Oregon Pacific-Cascade Chapter  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
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Springfield, Oregon 97477

Dear Ms. Margraf:

Thank you for your October 31 letter to Secretary Moniz. You requested that the Department of Energy (DOE) approve the application of Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. (Jordan Cove) to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (non-FTA countries). You also stated that Jordan Cove would create business opportunities for your members, employ local residents, make the area more attractive to businesses, and would be of strategic importance for supplying LNG to markets in Asia.

On December 11, 2011, DOE issued an authorization to Jordan Cove to export LNG from the Jordan Cove LNG Terminal to FTA countries, DOE/FE Order No. 3041. DOE is processing pending non-FTA LNG export applications on a case-by-case basis. Jordan Cove is currently third in a queue of about 20 application seeking DOE authorization to export LNG to non-FTA countries.

Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act requires DOE to conduct a public interest review of LNG export applications to non-FTA countries and to grant the applications unless DOE finds the proposed exports will not be consistent with the public interest. In making a public interest determination, DOE reviews a number of factors, including the impact on domestic natural gas supplies and prices, and the full range of macroeconomic impacts of the proposed export. Additionally, the National Environmental Policy Act requires DOE to consider the environmental impacts of its proposed decisions. Once DOE has met all its responsibilities, a final decision can be made on applications to export LNG to non-FTA countries.

I can assure you that DOE is aware of the issues you raise with an understanding of its significance, as well as the importance of getting it right.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Alice Madden,  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs,  
at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paula A. Gant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Paula A. Gant  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Oil & Natural Gas  
Office of Fossil Energy