

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 11, 2019

Chairman Neil Chatterjee  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Chatterjee:

We write about the need for Oregonians to have genuine public engagement in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) review of the Jordan Cove LNG Project and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Project (collectively referred to as the Project). To achieve that level of real and robust engagement, we request that FERC give the public with additional time to review and comment on FERC's recent draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

As you know, FERC released its draft environmental impact statement on March 29, 2019, for the Project's request under the Natural Gas Act to authorize, build, and operate a liquefied natural gas terminal and interstate natural gas transmission pipeline in southwestern Oregon. In its DEIS, FERC proposes a 90-day public comment period that ends on July 5, 2019.


Given the considerable size of this project, the fact that the Project affects landowners in four separate Oregon counties, and the fact that the DEIS document itself is more than 1,000 pages, we believe a 90-day public comment period is an inadequate amount of time for the public to review and make comments. Further, the proposed comment period ends the day after the busy Independence Day holiday, which could impair the public's ability to make comments. Therefore, we request FERC extend the public comment period an additional 30 days, for a total of 120 days. We also request that FERC hold public meetings in each of the affected counties -- Klamath, Jackson, Douglas, and Coos counties.

Oregon tribal members have also contacted our offices. We believe the federal government must continue to engage in strong government-to-government consultation with the tribal governments that will be affected by the construction of the Project. There are several tribes with strong cultural and historical interests in the affected areas, and the federal government has a responsibility to engage in meaningful and robust government-to-government consultation.

Additionally, we have heard from a number of the affected landowners who live in rural areas without access to high-speed internet. They have been told that it is not possible for FERC to make printed copies available. Given that we expect FERC to ensure a level playing field for all stakeholders, we ask that you immediately make 25 printed copies available for interested landowners at easily accessible places such as local public libraries.

We appreciate your consideration of our requests and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
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Ron Wyden  
United States Senator

  
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Peter DeFazio  
United States Representative