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RE: Extension of the Public Scoping Period for the Jordon Cove/Pacific Connector Pipeline Project (Docket Nos. PF12-7-000 and PF12-17-000)

Dear Commissioners:

I write today to request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) provide additional time for public and interested stakeholder comment in response to FERC's Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector project.

On August 2, 2012, FERC issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the project and requested scoping information from the public. Given that the nature of the Jordan Cove/Pacific Connector project has changed considerably since its original inception and the inherent complexity of the issues involved, I am asking you to extend the comment period for at least an additional 30 days, from the due date of September 4 to October 4, 2012 or later.

A 30-day public scoping period is an unusually short period of time for a project of this magnitude. Not only has the project become more technically complicated since it was last analyzed, but also this EIS will include potential environmental impacts from the 230-mile pipeline through southern Oregon, the Jordon Cove export terminal, a new power plant on the North Spit, changes needed to the Resource Management Plans for four BLM districts, and changes needed to the Land and Resource Management Plans for three National Forests. Nearly all of these impacts will occur in my District.

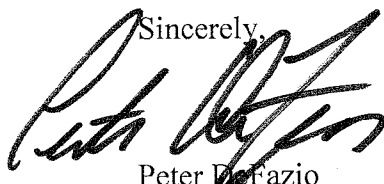
Public meetings are proposed to help explain this large proposal to the public, and to inform landowners who could be affected by the pipeline right-of-way. However, these

meetings will not be held until late August, with the last one on August 30, providing only 5 days for well-informed individuals to comment before the deadline.

The public input process is made even more difficult by FERC's failure to provide an email address to which the public may submit comments. Instead, the public must either mail their comments via U.S. Mail or upload comments on the byzantine FERC web site. The FERC web-based commenting process has not been updated in a decade and is difficult maneuver for affected landowners and the general public who do not routinely submit comments to the federal government. Therefore, I am also requesting that FERC provide an easily-useable email address or public comment webpage to which interested individuals may submit their scoping letters.

For the reasons outlined above, **I respectfully ask that FERC extend the scoping period on the Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector project to a full 60 days, until at least October 4, 2012, and provide an email address through which the public may submit their comments to FERC.** Extending the comment period another 30 days and providing an easily accessible means for the public to submit those comments to FERC is important for transparency in the federal decision-making process and may assist in early identification and resolution of concerns over this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter DeFazio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "D".

Peter DeFazio
Member of Congress