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Rep. McKeown Praises Approval of Jordan Cove Energy Project *Thousands of construction jobs, hundreds of long-term jobs for South Coast*

COOS BAY – The effort to build the Jordan Cove Energy Project in the North Spit of Coos Bay took a major step forward on Monday when the U.S. Department of Energy authorized the project to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas.

State Representative Caddy McKeown (D – Coos Bay), a former Commissioner for the International Port of Coos Bay, has been a leader in the effort to site this project on the South Coast for nearly a decade. She issued the following statement on today’s announcement from the Energy Department:

“Today is a watershed moment for Oregon. While there are several steps remaining before the project breaks ground, this permit signifies a new chapter in the economic story of the southern Oregon Coast.

“We have suffered through a recession and job losses for more than 30 years. Too many of our young people have had to leave our communities to find work. The creation of thousands of construction jobs and several hundred new long-term jobs will fundamentally change our economic future.

“I have to compliment Jordan Cove and Veresen for their patience and perseverance in working through a lengthy permitting process. With the support of Oregon’s Congressional delegation, led by Senator Ron Wyden, the positive impact of the Jordan Cove Energy Project will reverberate throughout this community, state, and region for years to come. It’s a bright, new day for Southern Oregon.”

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