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Re: Public Comment on Jordan Cove Energy Project Removal-Fill Permit--DSL Application Number 60697 NWP-201741—**Oppose**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) supports the public comment submitted to the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) by League of Women Voters of Coos County, LWV of Umpqua Valley, LWV of Rogue Valley, and LWV of Klamath County local Leagues (dated February 3, 2019). Their comment is a detailed, science-based testimony specific to required statutory and regulatory decision-making criteria and addresses their reasons for urging denial of the Jordan Cove Energy Project Removal-Fill permit application APP0060697. We join them in that request.

Since the 1950's the League has been in the forefront of efforts to protect air, land and water resources. The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) "believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems and to protect public health."

"The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) . . . opposes degradation of all of Oregon's surface and ground water. . . ." and declares that climate change is the greatest environmental challenge of our generation.

At the June 2018 LWVUS convention, the following Climate Change resolution passed nearly unanimously: "**A Climate Test:** The League of Women Voters supports a set of **climate assessment criteria** that ensures that energy policies align with current climate science. These criteria require that the latest climate science be used to evaluate proposed energy policies and major projects in light of the globally-agreed upon goal of limiting global warming to **1.5 degrees C**, informed by the successful spirit of global cooperation as affirmed in the UN COP 21 Paris agreement." It is clear that the JCEP LNG facility and export terminal and the associated Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline do NOT pass the climate test, and therefore we oppose the project.

Additionally, LWVOR and LWVUS have joint *amici* standing with *Juliana v. U.S.*, the [federal Our Children's Trust lawsuit](#). The League decision to support this historic lawsuit with two *amicus* briefs—soon to be three—was based on Natural Resource and Social Policy positions, including; "Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans." The complaint asserts that, "in causing climate change, the federal government has *violated* the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources." The courts have a duty to safeguard 'individuals' rights where the other

branches have failed to do so. These Youth Plaintiffs are reliant on the judicial branch to declare their rights, and the Ninth Circuit - Eugene District Court is the proper venue to develop the case record and decide the merits of these “vitaly important issues.”

The League’s advocacy for natural resource and social policy positions are very clear. We urge the Oregon Department of State Lands to deny the above-named permit application.

Thank you for considering our comments.



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