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Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P.  
Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, L.P.  
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 5, 2020

Mr. Kim Kratz  
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**RE: Jordan Cove Energy Project – Reinitiation of Formal Consultation**

Dear Mr. Kratz:

In a letter dated June 23, 2020, the environmental staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) requested, in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the reinitiation of formal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to address the Jordan Cove Energy Project modification referred to as the Blue Ridge Variation. In the NMFS' July 1, 2020 response, you sought additional information concerning waterbody crossings and informed us that reinitiation cannot begin until the requested information is provided and a planned meeting with the FERC, NMFS, and Jordan Cove representatives to discuss additional mitigation was complete.

Per your request, please find below a table developed in consultation with your staff identifying the waterbodies affected by the proposed route and the Blue Ridge Variation. The meeting you referred to occurred on July 9, 2020. It is my understanding that conversations between your office and Jordan Cove are ongoing; however, the Commission's project modification has not changed. Therefore, having fulfilled the requests made in your July 1, 2020 letter, I respectfully request that NMFS promptly confirm by letter or email that we have provided all the information that you requested.

Comparison of Waterbodies affected by the Blue Ridge Variation with those affected by the Originally Proposed Route <sup>1</sup>						
	Proposed Route			Blue Ridge Variation		
	Coos Bay HUC5	South Fork Coos HUC5	North Fork Coquille River HUC5	Coos Bay HUC5	Coquille River HUC5	North Fork Coquille River HUC5
Perennial Streams	1	0	2	28	2	1
Intermittent Streams	7	0	0	21	0	8
Anadromous Fish Streams (known plus assumed)	5	0	1	13	2	0

<sup>1</sup> Waterbodies crossed by the pipeline or within the construction workspace  
Source: Table 3.6.2-2 from Appendix F.9 from final Environmental Impact Statement.

Lastly, in your response you also indicated that the Commission is required to consult with your office regarding the Blue Ridge Variation's impacts on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Therefore, I request supplemental consultation with your office concerning impacts on EFH.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. John Peconom, Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 502-6352; or by email at [john.peconom@ferc.gov](mailto:john.peconom@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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