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Coos County Board of Commissioners  
Coos County, Oregon

Re: AP-19-002 ( Appeal of EXT-18-012 )

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to present the following evidence of bias into the record and request that Commissioner Sweet recuse himself from deliberations and voting on all applications and appeals dealing with Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. Commissioner Sweet continually exhibits bias in favor of Pembina in his statements and actions and is not capable of coming to an unprejudiced judgement. His bias has been shown in numerous actions, decisions, and statements regarding JCEP and PCGP, among which are:

His continual disparagement of Coos County with its deplorable living conditions, drug, spouse, and child abuse. We are an "Appalachia of the West", a "sucking vacuum" that will "shrivele up and rot" without Jordan Cove. There is not a single positive description in most of his letters. This is not a valid description of Coos County. It was also not valid to say at the Commissioners meeting of Oct. 2, 2018 that he went to Colorado to learn about fracking because he had heard accusations that it was a major contributor to air pollution, and he was pleased to find out it wasn't. Such a false statement when it is well documented that JCEP will be the largest polluter in the state. LNG production is not a clean process.

It has also been noticed that bias exists throughout our County Commission. Perhaps the biggest reason is that Veresen and now Pembina keep funneling money into Coos County. The Interruptible Transport Agreement provided \$200,000 on execution and \$25,000/month. JCEP will also provide \$200,000 when construction begins. And then there are promises of large sums to the CEP. Also, there was \$57,000 to the Sheriff's Dept. for a training exercise and \$300,000 for the LNG Division of the Sheriff's Dept. for 2018-2019. Commissioner Sweet has accepted \$50,000 in campaign contributions from Jordan Cove. There is an amaing amount of money being paid and promised. It makes one wonder if JCEP might expect something in return. There has yet to be a definitive agreement on the taxes they will pay. There are county ordinances that have been reversed to the detriment of our estuaries, sea birds, and wildlife. On Sept. 4, 2014, Charter Local Edition NW interviewed Commissioners Sweet and Cribbins. Comm. Sweet called JCEP a "game changer", and Comm. Cribbins said it would create 5000 jobs. This is an exaggeration even for Jordan Cove, and no mention was made that the majority of these jobs would go to specially trained out of state workers. These false statements are not even questioned and continue to be put out to the public and news agencies. Perhaps it can be argued that Pembina's contributions to campaigns and local organizations are legal, but they certainly give the perception of bias and impropriety.

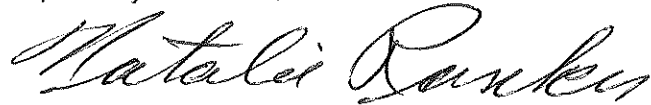
In a letter of June 14, 2011, Oubonh White, the Assistent County Council, asked Jody McCaffree to stop initiating ex parte contacts with the BOC. She then stated that any contact with the BOC must be disclosed, and the parties given an opportunity to challenge the same. She then went on to say that the more frequent those contacts occur, the more difficult it becomes for the Board to disclose every date and substance of the contacts and increases the risk that those contacts will be

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challenged for bias. Jody heeded that warning. However, on Sept. 4, 2014, Michael Hinrichs sent out an invitation to the BOC and others to join him and Don Althoff, CEO of Veresen, in order to ask questions about the project. These are both examples of ex parte contacts, one being allowed and one not, just another example of bias. These grievances have gone on for years, and they continue to do so.

You may all share Commissioner Sweet's opinion that Coos County is the Appalachia of the West, but I surely hope that there will never be a pipeline here to explode like the pipeline in Appalachia did last week.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Ranker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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