

MEMORANDUM TO: Office of the Secretary  
FROM: Paul Friedman, FERC staff  
SUBJECT: Northern Star Bradwood Landing LNG Project  
Docket No. PF05-10-000  
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Please place the attached document in the public file for Northern Star Natural Gas LLC's proposed Bradwood Landing LNG Project in Docket No. PF05-10-000. The document is a copy of a letter, dated March 6, 2006, from the Oregon Department of Energy (ODE). The letter, which was sent to staff, indicates that the ODE declines to be a cooperating party in the production of an environmental impact statement for this project. The letter is NOT confidential.

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Mr. Lonnie Lister, Chief  
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RE: OEP/DG2E/Gas3  
Northern Star LNG Project  
Docket No. PF05-10-000

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Dear Mr. Lister:

In a letter dated April 7, 2005, you requested that the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) assist the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as a cooperating agency in the production of an environmental impact statement for the proposed Northern Star Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal in Oregon.

I apologize for the delay in providing you with a response. As you know, developers have proposed that Oregon be the site of as many as five potential LNG terminals in Oregon. As a result, we have taken the time to be thorough in determining the best way for Oregon to move forward on LNG reviews under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

While we appreciate the invitation to become a cooperating agency, we believe ODOE and all relevant Oregon state agencies are best involved as independent reviewers. Accepting status as a cooperating agency means that Oregon would be precluded from taking intervener status later in the project. We believe it is in Oregon's best interest to preserve its right to intervene should that route become necessary.

However, even without cooperating agency status, ODOE and other state agencies have been working closely with Paul Friedman at FERC on the Northern Star review. ODOE looks forward to continuing that collaboration in its role as the Governor-appointed state coordinator for LNG reviews and designated agency for working with FERC on safety/security issues.

Sincerely,

Ken Niles  
Assistant Director