BRATS Jordan Cove Phone Call

12-5-19

On the call: Micky, Carol, Jane, Shirley, Beth, Francis, Joanne, Katya,  

1. Francis- Updates on FERC and FEIS- released November 21st (I saw online it was November 15?), included BLM and FERC. <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2019/11-15-19-FEIS.asp>

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| [FERC Staff Issues the FEIS for the Jordan Cove Energy Project (CP17-494-000 and CP17-495-000)](https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2019/11-15-19-FEIS.asp)  Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) . FERC Staff Issues the Final EIS for the Jordan Cove Energy Project (CP17-494-000 and CP17-495-000) Issued: November 15, 2019  www.ferc.gov |

FERC says no significant impacts if all mitigations listed are done. No appeal on FERC.

Awaiting their final decision, then we can appeal that. February 23 at earliest. Nathan from Sierra Club says it could also be 3-6 weeks after the 23rd. Decision will be contingent on the other plans (BLM, Forest Service, DSL).  Can’t start pipeline construction. Unfortunately, they can start cutting trees on private land who have signed if landowners have signed agreement with Pembina.  For people who haven’t signed, they have to get court order (usually easy to get). Can’t cut trees on federal land until state issues 401 on water quality.

Blm process- BLM will make two decisions- already made one. Each of decisions, citizens can send in protest. Decision 1: **plan amendment** decision to create new district reserve for pipeline. (this has already been made) A linear reserve. Nothing else allowed on that reserve until BLM allows. 800 plus acres- follows the easement. Managed for the values and resources of the use they are allowing. (include in protest- what values??). Number of acres varies greatly in the EIS- depends on route. BLM 47 miles (41), FS 30 some miles. No real map yet.

BLM is  getting ready to make a second decision - **right of way approval across federal lands in Oregon**- BLM prohibited from requesting mitigations but at the last minute Pembina came up with voluntary mitigations. **2)  right of way permit approval**across federal lands in Oregton.  BLM issues that decision land.  Mitigations are associated with this.  BLM prohibited from requesting mitigations but at the last minute Pembina came up with voluntary mitigations.  How do we decide what goes into each protest?

FEIS covers Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou, and Fremont-Winema National Forests. Those National Forests have to have their plans for the forest lands.  We can now **object** to the forest service decisions.  45 days from that decision (by January 7). Draft objection letters are being prepared and we will get them.  In the future, there will be a protest coming too.

Jane said that there is a protest template out, Francis is also working on another. We can individually and as a group file a protest. Francis is producing a template, and will help Broads write a protest. Carol will help on that. HAS TO BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 23.  Need original signature, snail mail, etc.  . Carol will work on it with her. Micky will look at what we have done before. Micky will ask about National signing a letter. Agreement that individuals, Broadbands, everyone should do a protest.

2. Other permits updates- OR Coastal Management? - county decision- Douglas county approved yesterday. Someone else is going to appeal. Cost is $800 for LUBA appeal

Crag Law meeting- Francis is aware of them but not sure how they are involved with other legal people.  (Does someone who went to meeting with them want to contact re: what is latest they are doing on JC?)

3. Rally in Salem-

Willamette organized a busload. Beth was arrested!

Beth reports- 21 arrested- 9 0’clock, handcuffed and put on bus, off bus one at a time, put in holding cell, Fingerprinted, questioned, 4:30 am let them out. Jail support was great. CLDC representing. (They also represented the Valve Turners. Beth will check with lawyers about how the rest of us can support the group such as when might be appropriate to show up at courthouse.

Reminder to send in activity reports.

4. Speaking in Portland and possibly other places like Corvallis - work with the League of Women Voters? Carol, Beth, Micky (other?) will work on the League contacts. Francis is interested and Jane has another lead on a land owner. (What about doing it in later February/early March before or after the Public Interest Environmental Law conference in Eugene? Francis is going to PIELC) We applied for table at PIELC so will be looking for people to staff it at the conference.

5. Broadwalk wrap up

 Evaluation- national put the form together, then there was a link to it. Did we get any response? Katya will check.

 Gift memberships and accounting- in progress- Online gift membership is not working correctly - Micky was told to send names and info in by email and call with credit card number. Done and National reports that letters are in the mail to the gift recipients. Micky will have accounting once she knows what the charge was.

BW template- We will get Katya broadwalk written material from Jordan Cove (and also Santiam if anything different.  Plan is to create a toolkit (with any materials National has) to encourage local broadbands to put on broad walks.

6. Evaluation of this committee’s work- we discussed both evaluating the substantive work we did, and how the group functioned. Seems like this should be done before the PNW rendezvous (not sure when that is) . Question is whether the BRAT will create a form/format so all three BRAT committee evaluations have some consistency. Joanne will ask Rynda. Please send Micky your ideas for how to evaluate committee’s work. 

7. Rynda is working with Susie Schmidt on a BRATS newsletter.

Here is what Micky wrote for BRAT newsletter-

**Stop Jordan Cove LNG Pipeline and Terminal**

When the BRAT was formed in 2018, some Broads from around the state were

already involved in the fight to stop Jordan Cove LNG pipeline and terminal. Since

forming the BRAT, Broads across the state have met regularly by telephone, been

involved in letter-writing campaigns, submitted comments on permitting

processes in a variety of forums, attended hearings, participated in marches and

studied the area and the issue during a three-day Broadwalk on the south coast in

August 2019.

8.Next call- Week of Feb 10th or later- likely before PIELC March 5-8 in Eugene.