



## MEDIA ALERT Oregon, Washington

### FERC Upholds Bradwood Landing Decision

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**The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today denied rehearing requests of its order authorizing the construction and operation of the Bradwood Landing LNG terminal on the Columbia River in Clatsop County, Oregon, and for the construction and operation of the associated 36.3-mile long pipeline from the terminal to an interconnection with Northwest Pipeline Corporation's interstate pipeline system north of Kelso in Cowlitz County, Washington.**

#### **Background**

In an order issued Sept. 18, 2008, FERC authorized the projects proposed by Bradwood Landing LLC and NorthernStar Energy LLC, that would deliver up to 1.3 billion cubic feet of gas per day to the Pacific Northwest. Specifically, the natural gas would be delivered directly to Georgia Pacific's Wauna Mill and Portland General Electric's Beaver Power Plant, and into intrastate and interstate pipeline systems through interconnections with Northwest Natural Gas Company and Williams Northwest Pipeline.

That order requires the applicants to fully implement 109 mitigation measures designed to enhance the safety and security of the facilities and to ensure the project has limited effects on the environment.

#### **The Order**

Today's order addresses rehearing requests on the Sept. 18 order. The rehearing requests contend that the Commission erred in issuing the order before the applicants received necessary state certifications and that the environmental analysis was inadequate regarding the discussion of impacts on aquatic resources, safety and emergency preparedness, impacts on air quality, alternatives and cumulative impacts. They also argue that FERC's determination that the project is in the public interest is flawed.

In response, FERC said its decision "does not impact any substantive determinations that need to be made by the states" under federal statutes. Since construction cannot start until all necessary authorizations are obtained, there can be no environmental impacts until there is full compliance with all relevant federal laws.

Rehearing requests also said FERC should have issued a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Today's order restates the Sept. 18 order by saying that the Bradwood Project had not substantially changed since issuance of the draft EIS.

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