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## **Van Ness Feldman Helps Secure Approval for First LNG Import Terminal on the West Coast of the U.S.**

**Washington, DC – Washington, DC** – The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today issued an order authorizing NorthernStar Natural Gas (NorthernStar) to construct the Bradwood Landing liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and associated 38 mile sendout pipeline on the Columbia River near Astoria, Oregon. Van Ness Feldman is counsel for the project and has advised NorthernStar from the initial phases of the project on FERC and certain other matters.

The Bradwood Landing terminal is the first LNG import terminal on the west coast of the United States authorized by FERC. FERC accepted the Bradwood Landing project into its pre-filing process in March of 2005 and over the next 42 months conducted an extensive review of all technical, environmental and legal aspects of the project. The written record consisted of more than 50,000 pages.

The terminal is expected to create at least 65 permanent jobs in addition to several hundred temporary construction jobs. When operational, the terminal and associated sendout pipeline will be capable of delivering up to 1.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day for delivery into the regional gas system. For more information on the Bradwood Landing terminal and NorthernStar Natural Gas, please visit the Bradwood Landing website. NorthernStar's news release can be found at [http://www.northernstar-ng.com/newsrelease/2008\\_09\\_18.pdf](http://www.northernstar-ng.com/newsrelease/2008_09_18.pdf).

In addition to serving as FERC counsel, Van Ness Feldman provided representation and counsel to NorthernStar on a variety of issues related to large scale energy project development, including certain related issues arising under federal and state environmental laws, federal legislative and policy representation, and local-state-federal facility siting law interplay.

Van Ness Feldman partner John Buchovecky led the firm's team of lawyers and policy professionals from its Washington, DC office. The firm's Seattle office, which has a robust Northwest presence in energy and the environmental law, also played a key role in the effort.

"We are proud to have helped NorthernStar reach this important goal. We look forward to seeing the project through to completion as a critical component in the energy supply matrix," said Buchovecky.

*Van Ness Feldman is an energy and environmental law and policy firm with over 80 professionals located in Washington, DC and Seattle, Washington.*

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