



Date: February 3, 2005
To: Hon. Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Bonnie Lowenthal, Councilmember, First District
Frank Colonna, Councilmember, Third District
Subject: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Action

Last week the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requested the Senate Energy Committee for a modification on Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act in order to make clear and unambiguous the exclusive siting authority of FERC over onshore Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and connecting pipeline facilities.

We are requesting an immediate report from the City Attorney and the Port of Long Beach at the City Council meeting on February 8th regarding this request from FERC and the potential for the Port of Long Beach, City of Long Beach, or the State of California to lose local control over such important decisions.

Furthermore, as the issue of "home rule" falls under the City's adopted federal legislative agenda, we request that the City Attorney prepare a resolution and that said resolution be communicated to our federal and state representatives.