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To: State Pipeline Coordinator's Office
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Re: Written comment in support of DNR Commissioner's Proposed Decision and draft conditional right-of-way lease for ANGDA's proposed gas spur line

We are writing in support of the issuance of a State right of way for the ANGDA gas line section to be built between Glennallen and Palmer.

We own and operate the *Copper River Record* community newspaper, serving more than a dozen Copper Valley communities including Glennallen, Copper Center, and Kenny Lake. We are also landowners at mile 148 on the north side of the Glenn Highway, a location through which the proposed gas spur line will hopefully pass.

As business owners, landowners, and residents of the State of Alaska, we would like to express our support for the proposed spur line route and say that we believe it is in the best interests of this area and the state as a whole that this right of way be approved and this gas line be built.

The deepening and diversity of local economies will be served by bringing gas and attendant products through the greatest number of communities. The Glennallen to Palmer route not only brings gas to the Mat-Su Valley, Anchorage, and points south, but it opens up the possibilities of local Copper Valley electrical generation from gas and the extraction of propane for local use. At present, our economies are shallow and fragile because utility costs prohibit many kinds economic endeavors that our citizens could undertake. Bringing natural gas through this area would greatly increase our economic strength. Bringing gas through Glennallen would also leave open the possibility of north slope gas being brought to Valdez for coastline use and possible LNG export.

All of these represent a long-term value to the state and its citizens.

In addition to our support for the gas line itself, we would like to commend the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) for the careful and thorough way they have conducted public meetings, taken comments and concerns, and have presented the results of their investigations along the pipeline route. By their expertise and the concern they have given to information-gathering, they have inspired the public trust.

Sincerely, 

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