



Municipality of Anchorage

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Mayor Mark Begich

Office of the Mayor

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Harold Heinze
Chief Executive Officer
Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority
411 W. Fourth Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Heinze:

Thank you for your efforts to commercialize Alaska's North Slope natural gas resources, especially your attention to ensuring that any gas line project includes options to provide long-term, affordable gas supplies for Cook Inlet consumers. I share your focus not only on the project's overall importance to the entire state, but especially its significance for Southcentral Alaska residents long dependent on natural gas for residential and commercial uses and for Interior residents looking toward the same benefits.

To help further the Municipality's understanding of the issues, and to provide whatever assistance we might be able to offer, I have asked Larry Persily of my staff to serve as Anchorage's point person with the state administration and Legislature, the Alaska Gasline Port Authority and others working toward putting together a viable project. Mr. Persily joined the Municipality in early June, signing on as projects coordinator in the finance and budget office, but clearly his past work on gas line issues at the Department of Revenue makes him well qualified to fill this additional role.

Please contact Mr. Persily if there is anything my office can do to help your efforts, and please include him in any publicly available presentations or briefings offered by your office. His direct line is 343-4490; or email at PersilyLA@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Thank you

Mark Begich
Mayor

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