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Re: ADL 229297 -Conditional Right of Way Lease to the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority

I oppose the recent decision to issue a conditional right of way lease to the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority for a proposed gas line from Glennallen to Palmer.

I ask that the state to postpone leasing their lands for the ANGDA pipeline until they can provide the following:

1) A need for this right of way lease.

This is obvious. There is no gas in Glennallen to hook this pipeline to. You are putting the cart before the horse.

2) The right of way over private lands that will be required to complete this project.

I know that the state has a policy when adjudicating right of way and easement applications that before they issue or grant right of ways over their land, the applicant must show they have the concurrence or permission from all land owners along the route. Why is this different with the ANGDA application? Why should they be held to some other standard?

3) Detailed information on how ANGDA will access this gas line right of way and how the gas line and access roads will be managed if it is built.

The Commissioner's Decision lacks detailed information about how this right of way will be accessed, yet we know ANGDA must get to the right of way somehow. This statement from the decision is not very reassuring.

"Access to, Along and Across the ANGDA Project: The ANGDA proposes to access the right-of-way by utilizing existing access roads and trails. New access roads are not anticipated; however, if it is determined new access is required the ANGDA will apply for the access under AS 38.05. It is the policy of ADNR that access roads and the right-of-way, including workpads, if any, will be open for the use and enjoyment of the public unless one of the following situations apply:

- 1. Upon the approval of the Commissioner, the ANGDA may restrict or prohibit public access over access roads being used for construction or termination activities;*
- 2. Upon the approval of the Commissioner, the ANGDA may regulate or prohibit public access to areas of the Right-of-Way to facilitate operations or to protect the public, wildlife, or livestock from hazards associated with the operation of the pipeline; or*
- 3. Upon approval of the Commissioner, the ANGDA may regulate or prohibit public access for reasons related to the security of the pipeline system."*

There should be much more required of ANGDA than this. It should all be part of the project.

Sincerely,

Pat Owens

p.s. Please keep me on any mailing list regarding this issue.

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Janetta Pritchard - Comment re: ANGDA application

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Subject: Comment re: ANGDA application

Janetta,

I have attached my comments regarding the Commissioners decision to grant a conditional right of way lease to ANGDA. I will be putting this letter in the mail today, so you should get the original in a couple days.

Please keep me on your list of interested parties.

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