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This letter is in response to the ANDGA proposal to a natural gas pipeline from Glennallen to Palmer. Linda Harris and I attended the March 17 meeting/hearing in Sutton where we met with and talked to people from the SPCO and ANGDA. We live in Section 7 and are slated to lose our apartment house to a material-storage area according to your maps. Our comments are as follows:

- 1) Private Property- In the Soapstone Road area; the conditional R/W Lease would take 5 five acre parcels, 2 ten acre parcels and one forty acre parcel. This action would also involve 9 single family residences and one multi-family residence.

Shame on ANGDA! Someone did not do their homework. If one looks at the Borough maps for the area to determine property use and ownership instead of a 30 year-old map and equally ancient ADNR lands records they would have known that there is plenty of State Land immediately available along the north boundary of Section 6 and down the western boundaries of Sections 6 and 7. Another route would be to continue within the major powerline corridor which is used to traverse Section 4. All that is needed is to continue within that corridor along the north border of Section 7 and then turning south with the powerline along the western boundary. The powerline easement has been used as a recreational trail for years and is cleared. It is our north property line. Both of these routes will bring the proposal to a point just north of Carnegie Creek which is where ANGDA indicated they wanted to be before crossing Palmer-Fishhook.

The proposed actions have unnecessarily upset the integrity of the neighborhood and turned it into a beehive with a lot angry bees. After having spent years working for AKDOT/PF as an impacts specialist I know that if the feds had been involved ANGDA would have been slapped really hard for not identifying and proposing the use of available public lands and major right of way easements first and foremost.

Other routes which should be considered in the study are the entire Glenn Highway Corridor (our favorite), the Parks Highway Corridor and a corridor from Fairbanks to Paxton, across on the Denali Highway and down the Parks Highway.

- 2) The bog south of Keonen Rd. This area is the reason why Enstar decided not to extend gas lines into the neighborhood. They felt that the project was too expensive for the return. This wetland feeds Carnegie Creek and ultimately Wasilla Creek. It also acts as a water storage area for aquifers which supply Palmer, and as a nursery for micro/macro-

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organisms that act as a food source for salmon in Wasilla Creek and in all probability are a food source for prey species of migratory birds on the Palmer Hay Flats.

There is the possibility that any disturbance of water flow, oxygen content, temperature, etc. would adversely affect more than just the bog. This bog would be avoided if the section lines or powerline easements are used.

We also have a problem with what appears to be an "Anchorage only" project. Alaska's gas should be available to ALL of Alaska not the privileged few. We will expect to see power plants and gas storage areas servicing the most distant and inaccessible of villages.

Since our major concern is the proposed taking of private property we suggest the SCPO makes sure that ANGDA has done all it can to avoid the taking of private property. And before issuing any lease, conditional or other wise, that agreements between ANGDA and the affected property owner be in hand. That does not mean property purchased, that means an agreement to purchase, lease or pay for material.

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Map attached