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Subject: ANGDA Comments

To whom it concerns,

Please accept my comments on the ANGDA Conditional Right-of-Way Lease case no. ADL 229297.

I have quite a few concerns about the proposed right of way, though in general I do not object to the concept of a gas line between Glenallen and Palmer/Wassilla.

My concerns are:

1. The state right of way not be granted before the many private land owners are contacted and polled as to their willingness to lease their land. If this is not possible then the state should prohibit any 'taking' of private land through eminent domain by the state.
2. The right of way not leave the highway into the Squaw Creek, Carabou Creek, Chitna Pass, and Boulder Creek areas. This area has high wildlife, scenic, and recreational values that will be displaced by a utility corridor such as being proposed. Furthermore much of the Chitna Pass area is steep, rugged, and prone to avalanches, mudslides, and flooding. Having spent a great deal of time in that area, both winter and summer, it is apparent to me that the folks proposing this route have not spent any time on the ground in the area.
3. That as part of the lease, if it is issued, require revegetation, prohibit the use of herbicides for clearing, and block access to motorized use near residential areas.
4. The state should required substantial (such as 1/4 mile) setbacks from private property, not just residential dwellings.

Finally I suggest you extent the deadline for comments, and encourage comments by distributing an e-mail addresses that the general public can comment to.

Sincerely,

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