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STATE PIPELINE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**COMMISSIONER'S ANALYSIS, PROPOSED DECISION AND ACTION for the
ALASKA NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CONDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE, ADL 229297
and
Public Hearing Schedule and Locations**

The Department of Natural Resources, State Pipeline Coordinator's Office, hereby gives notice to the public of the opportunity to provide comments on the Commissioner's Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action to issue a conditional right-of-way lease, under AS 38.35.050, to the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) for a natural gas pipeline from Glennallen to Palmer.

The ANGDA proposes to construct a pipeline to transport natural gas from Glennallen to Palmer. The proposed pipeline will generally parallel the Glenn Highway, entering the Glenn Highway right-of-way approximately 11 miles west of Glennallen, and deviating from the highway in the Eureka area and in the Chitna Pass and Chickaloon areas where the highway right-of-way can not accommodate a pipeline. The route south of Chickaloon will primarily be within existing easements, including sectionline and road easements.

History

The ANGDA submitted an application to the State for a conditional right-of-way lease on April 4, 2005 under AS 38.35.050 and serialized as ADL 229297. Public notice of the application pursuant to AS 38.35.070 was given in early May, 2005. In addition, copies of the application were provided to coordinating agencies, local libraries, and other interested state and federal agencies.

On November 3, 2005, the ANGDA submitted an amendment to their application requesting alternate routes for the right-of-way. These alternate routes are shown on alignment sheets (11 to 24) which are available online at www.jpo.doi.gov. Comments are requested on the original and alternate routes.

Pursuant to AS 38.35.080, the Commissioner has prepared an Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action for a conditional right-of-way lease for the Alaskan Natural Gas Development Authority. The public may view the Commissioner's Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action and the draft conditional right-of-way lease on-line at www.jpo.doi.gov or obtain copies of the documents, at cost, from:

State Pipeline Coordinator's Office
411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 2C
Anchorage, AK 99501-2343
Open Monday thru Friday
Hours: 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

These documents are also available for viewing at the following locations:

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services
Copper Valley Community Library, Glennallen
Delta Junction Community Library, Delta Junction
Juneau Public Library, Juneau
Kenai Community Library, Kenai
Noel Wien Library, Fairbanks
North Pole Branch, North Pole
Palmer Library
Public Information Center, Anchorage
Public Information Center, Fairbanks
Public Information Center, Juneau
Sutton Public Library
Tok Community Library, Tok
Valdez Consortium Library, Valdez
Wasilla Public Library
Z. J. Loussac Public Library, Anchorage

Comment Period and Decision

Persons desiring to submit written comments on the Commissioner's Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action, the draft conditional right-of-way lease and its consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program are invited to do so. Any comment, objection or expression of interest pertaining to the proposed actions must be received in writing by the Gas Pipeline Coordinator's Office at the above address on or before 5:00 P.M., April 24, 2006. Comments may also be provided at the public hearings on the Commissioner's Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action and conditional right-of-way lease held pursuant to AS 38.35. Public hearings will be held at:

Sutton - 3/17/06 (Fri) – Chickaloon Village Traditional Council Meeting House – MP 61.5 Glenn Highways – ANGDA Open House 4 – 6 p.m.; DNR Public Hearing 6 p.m.;

Glennallen – 3/20/06 (Mon) – Caribou Cafe – MP 187 Glenn Hwy. ANGDA Open House 4 – 6 p.m.; DNR Public Hearing 6 p.m.

Lake Louise – 3/21/06(Tue) – Lake Louise Lodge – MP 16.1 Lake Louise Road, ANGDA Open House 10a.m. to Noon; DNR Hearing 12 Noon;

Glacier View – 3/21/06 (Tue) – Glacier View K-12 School Gym, Glenn Hwy MP 104 – ANGDA Open House 4 – 6 p.m.; DNR Hearing 6 p.m.;

Palmer - 3/24/06 (Fri) – Mat Su College – Mile 2 Trunk Road – Fred & Sara Machetanz Building (FSM) – Room 204/206 -ANGDA Open House 4 -7 p.m., DNR Public Hearing 7 p.m.;

Chickaloon – 3/25/06 (Sat) – Chickaloon Community Council Bldg. – Glenn Highway MP 74 – ANGDA Open House 10 a.m.-2 p.m., DNR Public Hearing 2 p.m.;

Anchorage 3/28/06 (Tue) – Z. J. Loussac Public Library – 3600 Denali Street, 1st Floor Conference Room – ANGDA Open House – 4-7p.m., DNR Hearing 7 p.m.

The scope of the hearings will be the Commissioner’s Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action and conditional right-of-way lease for the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority and its consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

The Commissioner’s Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action and final consistency with the ACMP will form the basis of the Final Decision required under AS 38.35.100 and 11 AAC 110.050(d). If the Commissioner, in his discretion, after reviewing the comments received during the public comment period, does not find cause to amend his Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action, the Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action will become the Commissioner’s Final Decision under AS 38.35.100, and the ANGDA will be offered a conditional right-of-way lease for the Glennallen to Palmer pipeline.

If public comment indicates the need to substantially change or amend the Commissioner’s Analysis, Proposed Decision and Action, additional public notice and opportunity for public comment on the amended decision will be provided. If there are no substantial changes or additional analysis required, it is anticipated that the Commissioner will issue a Final Decision within approximately 30 days of the close of the public comment period. The Commissioner’s Final Decision and the conditional right-of-way lease will be available on-line at www.jpo.doi.gov or copies may be obtained, at cost, from the department.

Alaska Coastal Management Program

Notice is given under AS 46.40.096(c) that a portion of this application is within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Coastal Resource District and is subject to a consistency review and determination under the Alaska Coastal Management Program (AS 46.40.096). Those portions of this application within the coastal zone are located at:

- Moose Creek to the 1,000-foot contour level plus the width of the water course and 200 feet on each side as measured from ordinary high water mark in Sec. 34, T19N, R2E, SM;;
- Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, T18N, R2E, SM
- Sections 24, 23, 26, 27, 34, T18N, R1E, SM
- Sections 3, 10, 9, 16, 15, 22, T17N, R1E, SM

The issuance of the conditional right-of-way lease is a phased activity under AS 46.40.094. Comments regarding consistency of the conditional right-of-way lease with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Coastal Resource District's enforceable policies or a state standard set out in 11 AAC 112 must be: (1) in writing; (2) identify the enforceable policy or standard; (3) explain how the application is consistent or inconsistent; (4) identify any alternative measure that, if adopted by the applicant, would achieve consistency with the specific enforceable policies; and (5) explain how the alternative measure would achieve consistency with those specific enforceable policies..

Following the comment period, the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office will issue a proposed consistency determination. A copy of the proposed consistency determination will be sent to any person who provides written comment. The final consistency determination will be included within the Commissioner's final decision.

Please note that under the terms and conditions of the proposed conditional right-of-way lease, the applicant shall submit project plans and programs to the Commissioner for review and approval which will require additional coastal consistency review.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, State Pipeline Coordinator's Office, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may call (907) 257-1300 or 269-8411 TTY/TTD. Please provide sufficient notice in order for the department to accommodate your needs.

The State Pipeline Coordinator's Office reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication.

/s/

Fredrick M. Thompson
Acting Gas Pipeline Coordinator

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