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Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Process Initiated on Alaska In-State Natural Gas Pipeline

Public Scoping Meetings to Begin August 18th

Anchorage, AK – The Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) announced today that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) noticed its intent to prepare a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project. The [Notice of Intent](#) was published in the Federal Register on August 1st and the initial 75-day scoping period runs through October 14th.

Scoping is the initial phase of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and provides an opportunity to engage the public, to solicit input from interested and affected stakeholders, and to identify the range of issues to be addressed in the SEIS. The Corps previously prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the ASAP project in October 2012. Since then, the project has undergone a number of design modifications which require additional public comment and analysis, and which necessitate an SEIS. While the Corps is the lead federal agency, other cooperating federal and state agencies will also participate. The SEIS will evaluate the size, design and location of the ASAP project, analyze potential impacts associated with its construction and operation, and consider alternatives. The SEIS ensures NEPA compliance and provides a basis for the Corps to issue a permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act.

The ASAP project is designed to deliver utility grade natural gas from Alaska's North Slope to Fairbanks, Anchorage and as many other communities within the state as practical. The project consists of a gas conditioning facility at Prudhoe Bay; a 727-mile, 36-inch diameter, mostly buried pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to ENSTAR's existing gas distribution system near Anchorage at Big Lake; and a 29-mile, 12-inch diameter lateral to the Fairbanks city gate. In support of the SEIS process, AGDC has published a revised Plan of Development for the ASAP project, a copy of which

is available on the ASAP project website <http://asappgas.agdc.us> and on the Corps' SEIS website www.asapeis.com.

Fourteen public scoping meetings have been scheduled on the following dates at the locations listed. Most meetings will occur from 5:30-8:30 pm, except where noted:

August 18, 2014	Healy	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Tri-Valley Community Center
August 19, 2014	Nenana	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Nenana Native Village Tribal House
August 20, 2014	Cantwell	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Cantwell Community Hall
August 21, 2014	Talkeetna	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Talkeetna Alaska Lodge
August 25, 2014	Willow	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Willow Community Center
August 26, 2014	Anchorage	6:30 - 9:30 pm	UAA Consortium Library
August 27, 2014	Kenai	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Quality Inn
August 28, 2014	Seward	5:30 - 8:30 pm	UAA-Seward, KM Rae Building
September 02, 2014	Fairbanks	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Westmark Hotel
September 03, 2014	Wiseman	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Community Center of Wiseman
September 04, 2014	Minto	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Minto Lake View Lodge (<i>Tentative</i>)
September 10, 2014	Anaktuvuk Pass	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Community Center
September 17, 2014	Barrow	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Inupiat Heritage Center
September 18, 2014	Nuiqsut	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Kisik Community Center

The public is encouraged to participate in these meetings. Public comments can be made orally during the meeting or submitted in writing. More information on the SEIS process is available at www.asapeis.com.

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