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ALASKA STAND ALONE PIPELINE (ASAP) PUBLIC SCOPING REPORT RELEASED

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Expected by Summer 2015

ANCHORAGE – What do Alaskans think of the current design for the State’s proposed Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) project? Interested individuals can find out by reading the Public Scoping Report recently released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and contractor ERM Alaska, Inc. The report is a summary of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) scoping activities that occurred between August 1 and October 14 of this year. The Corps is the lead federal agency and ultimately responsible for issuing a federal permit for the ASAP project. The scoping report summarizes the substantive comments received by the Corps during the public scoping period which included 16 public meetings in communities across Alaska. The full report is available online at the Corps’ SEIS website www.asapeis.com.

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 Fairbanks.

The SEIS evaluates the size, design and location of the ASAP project, analyzes potential impacts associated with its construction and operation, and considers alternatives. The next opportunity for the public to comment on the ASAP project will be after the Draft SEIS is published, which the Corps

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anticipates will be in mid-2015. Following the publication of the Draft SEIS, there will be a new 60-day public comment period. Individuals interested in receiving e-mail notifications about the ASAP SEIS process may register with the Corps directly at asapeiscomments@usace.army.mil.

The Alaska Gasline Development Corporation is an independent, public corporation of the State of Alaska established to commercialize Alaska's North Slope natural gas and to develop gas pipelines and other energy transportation systems for the maximum benefit of the state. The Corporation is currently advancing two natural gas projects on the state's behalf – the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) and the Alaska LNG project. Learn more at www.agdc.us.

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