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Governor Walker Announces Appointments to AGDC Board

Appointees bring extensive backgrounds in business, LNG, Alaska's North Slope

September 19, 2016 ANCHORAGE – As the Alaska LNG project continues to transition to State leadership, Governor Bill Walker today announced three appointments to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Warren Christian of North Pole and David Wight of Anchorage will fill vacancies on the board that have occurred due to an expiring term and a resignation. Additionally, Hugh Short of Girdwood was reappointed to his seat on the AGDC Board.

“These three Alaskans possess experience, knowledge, and resources that will prove vital as AGDC takes the lead to bring North Slope gas to the world market,” Governor Walker said. “I look forward to seeing the contributions they make to the AGDC Board, and adding to the outstanding work this group has already done to develop the Alaska LNG project.”

Christian will serve on the board until September of 2018, as his appointment fills the vacancy created by Luke Hopkins’ resignation in May. Both Wight and Short will serve five-year terms through September, 2021. Wight will replace former board member Rick Halford, who decided to not seek another term on the AGDC Board.

“I thank Luke Hopkins and Rick Halford for their service on the AGDC Board of Directors,” said Governor Walker. “I sincerely appreciate the efforts they made to advance the Alaska LNG project.”

David Wight

David Wight resides in Anchorage, and holds a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Tech University. Wight served as President and CEO of the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC) from 2000-2006. Prior to that he was the President and Chairman of BP Amoco Energy Company Trinidad and Tobago from 1992 – 2000, playing an integral role in the development and construction of an LNG facility in Trinidad.

Heavily involved in his community, Wight has chaired the UAA Chancellor’s Advisors Board since 2009. He currently serves on the Northrim Bank Board of Directors and the Providence Alaska Medical Center

Board. He is a past member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Board and the Association of Oil Pipe Lines Board. Wight's 41 years of experience in the energy sector, including gas development, gas processing plants, and LNG plant development, will be a major asset to the AGDC Board.

Warren Christian

Warren Christian of North Pole is the current President of Doyon Associated, LLC, which specializes in arctic pipeline construction and associated infrastructure. Previously the President and General Manager of ASRC Energy Services' Houston Contracting Company, he brings over 30 years of experience in the construction and oil field services industries on the North Slope and across Alaska.

Christian's expertise spans the entirety of pipeline projects. He received his welder and pipefitter apprenticeship training through the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 375 in 1983, and the knowledge he has gained over the years will provide the AGDC Board with important perspective.

Hugh Short

Hugh Short was first appointed to the AGDC Board in February 2015. His extensive background in business management and Alaska infrastructure development continue to make Short a valuable member of AGDC's governing body. A resident of Girdwood, Short has been the president and CEO of PT Capital since 2012. Prior to that, he served as President/CEO and Vice President of Alaska Growth Capital, and Vice President of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Short previously served as Chairman of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board of Directors. He received a BA in Political Science from UAA in 1997, and an MS in Organizational Development from Pepperdine University in 2007.

In addition to his extensive business background, Short served as Mayor of Bethel from 2002-2004 and was the Community Development Director of the Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council from 1996-2000.

AGDC is governed by a seven-member board of directors, including five public members and two commissioners. Upon confirmation by the Legislature, the three appointees will join Dave Cruz of Palmer, Joey Merrick of Anchorage, Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Heidi Drygas, and Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner Marc Luiken on the board.

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