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## Senator Cathy Giessel

**Response to Sen. French's questions Re: SJR 10 – Arctic: Policy, USCG, Arctic Council**

Senator French asked what the cost of a new icebreaker is during the Senate Resources hearing on Monday, March 4, 2013.

A High Latitude Study provided to Congress in July 2011 and appearing in a December 2012 Congressional Research Service report, gave the following estimated acquisition costs of a new polar icebreaker in "rough order-of-magnitude costs":

- $856 million for 1 ship;
- $1.663 billion for 2 ships—an average of about $832 million each;
- $2.439 billion for 3 ships—an average of $813 million each;
- $3.207 billion for 4 ships—an average of about $802 million each;
- $3.961 billion for 5 ships—an average of about $792 million each; and
- $4.704 billion for 6 ships—an average of $784 million each[1]

1 Coast Guard Polar Icebreaker Modernization: Background and Issues for Congress (RL34391;Dec. 21, 2012), by Ronald O'Rourke. Text in ProQuest® Congressional Research Digital Collection; Accessed: March 4, 2013. Page 17