

SENATE BILL NO. 220

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and regulation of the service**
2 **of natural gas storage."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 42.05.141 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

5 (g) Except as provided in AS 42.05.711(q) and (s), the commission shall
6 regulate under this chapter the service of natural gas storage and the service of
7 liquefied natural gas storage, including storage furnished by operating a natural gas
8 storage facility that is part of a

9 (1) pipeline facility operated by a pipeline carrier; or

10 (2) natural gas pipeline facility operated by a natural gas pipeline
11 carrier.

12 (h) In (g) of this section, "natural gas pipeline carrier," "natural gas pipeline
13 facility," "pipeline carrier," and "pipeline facility" have the meanings given in
14 AS 42.06.630.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 42.05.711(q) is amended to read:

2 (q) The service of natural gas storage furnished by operating a natural gas
3 storage facility that is [(1) PART OF A PIPELINE FACILITY OPERATED BY A
4 PIPELINE CARRIER, (2) PART OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FACILITY
5 OPERATED BY A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE CARRIER, OR (3)] part of a North
6 Slope natural gas pipeline facility operated by a North Slope natural gas pipeline
7 carrier is exempt from this chapter. In this subsection, ["NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
8 CARRIER," "NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FACILITY,"] "North Slope natural gas
9 pipeline carrier [,]" and "North Slope natural gas pipeline facility [,]" ["PIPELINE
10 CARRIER," AND "PIPELINE FACILITY"] have the meanings given in
11 AS 42.06.630.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 42.06.140 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

13 (c) The commission shall regulate under AS 42.05 the service of natural gas
14 and liquefied natural gas storage, including storage furnished by operating a natural
15 gas storage facility that is part of a

16 (1) pipeline facility operated by a pipeline carrier; or

17 (2) natural gas pipeline facility operated by a natural gas pipeline
18 carrier.

19 (d) In this section,

20 (1) "service of liquefied natural gas storage" means the operation of a
21 liquefied natural gas storage facility; "service of liquefied natural gas storage" does
22 not include the storage of liquefied natural gas

23 (A) owned by or contractually obligated to the owner, operator,
24 or manager of the liquefied natural gas storage facility; or

25 (B) for which the price of storage is not separately itemized;

26 (2) "service of natural gas storage" means the operation of a natural
27 gas storage facility primarily or exclusively for the benefit of third-party customers,
28 and not for the benefit of the owner, operator, or manager of the natural gas storage
29 facility; "service of natural gas storage" does not include the storage of natural gas

30 (A) owned by or contractually obligated to the owner, operator,
31 or manager of the natural gas storage facility; or

- 1 (B) for which the price of storage is not separately itemized.
- 2 * **Sec. 4.** AS 42.05.990(10)(B) and AS 42.05.990(11)(B) are repealed.