

Now comes the reality check:

The only reality is Senator Tom Wagoner's \$25 million bounty for the first jack up on station in Cook Inlet. Escopeta's 151 is now station over Escopeta's Kitchen lights number one prospect and getting ready to 'spud in'. That is reality. And the only reality that been around here in a long, long time. Thank you Senator Tom Wagoner

What you heard this morning, except for the improbability of the Parnell / TransCanada Alcan Gasline, is wishful thinking clap trap. There is not going to be a gasline off of the North Slope regardless off how much money the legislature continues to throw at it.

There is no gas available on the North Slope. What gas there is, some of you think the North Slope runs on love, is needed for oil production. Oil production runs on gas, lots of gas. Some of you keep using 35 tcf of over a decade ago as the amount of gas on the Slope. It is not! And worse when you do material balance for North Slope gas; gas is being used up twice as fast as the AOGCC admits.

The committee should have change ASHA focus to determining how much State subsidy would be needed for gasline from Cook Inlet to Fairbanks. Cook Inlet will be awash in gas and exploration for gas in the Cook Inlet basin will cease.

Please do not make the mistakes of the Cook Inlet platform and follow the example of Swanson River.

Ask DOE to appear at your Kenai hearings. Ask Commissioner Dan Seamount to appear at your Kenai hearings and to leave his AOGCC hat in his Anchorage office.

Thank you for your time. Jerry McCutcheon

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There isn't going to be a gasline off the North Slope! The oil companies may lie, cheat and steal but they are not Stupid! Now just what part of that doesn't the Empire and you readers understand? All of proven gas on the Slope is needed for oil production. Second, there is not enough proven gas on the Slope to produce all of the proven oil on the Slope.

Now what part of those statements can't the Empire and you readers wrap your minds around? Are the Empire and you readers so simple as to think the oil companies are going to give up oil production, billions of barrels of oil, so you wishful thinkers can have your uneconomic gasline? Just what part of those facts is it that the Empire and you Empire readers do not understand?

Do the Empire and you readers really think the oil companies the oil companies are going to trash billions of dollars in gas reinjection and recycling infrastructure to produce oil to sell you gas ? Or worse take the risk of shipping their gas on your crack pot gasline?

Because the oil companies gasline of 1980s was not constructed more than 6 billion barrel of ADDITIONAL oil had been produced by 2006 that would have not have been produced had the oil companies' 2 bcf/d gasline of the 1980s oil companies been constructed.

Now the same parameters that prevailed for oil production for the last 30 years will prevail for the next 30 years. Prudhoe Bay will still be North America largest oil reservoir and North America's largest gas reservoir just less oil and gas. If you want a higher oil production rate and more total oil production find gas 20 tcf from somewhere and rebuild the reservoir gas pressure back up to 4400 psi, now 3200 psi. Oil production rate and maximum total oil production are a function oil reservoir gas pressure. You and I are going to be long since dead and gone before it becomes time to blow Prudhoe down for the gas.