



# WHAT WE'RE DOING TO SECURE THE RAILBELT'S ENERGY FUTURE

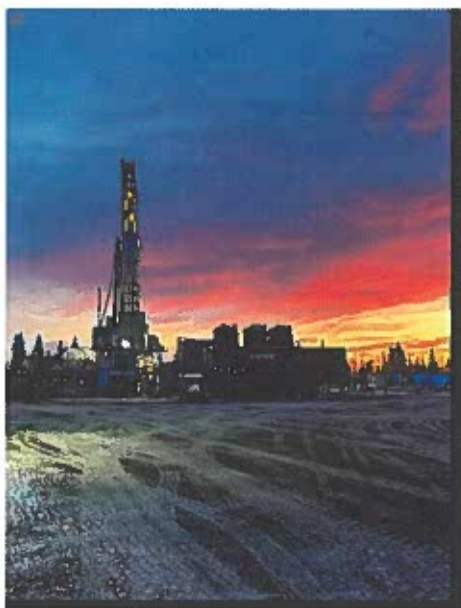
## BACKGROUND

Since Hilcorp's 2022 announcement it would not extend contracts for gas supplies in Cook Inlet, ENSTAR has taken a three-pronged approach to ensure our 155,000 customers have reliable and affordable natural gas. While ENSTAR's contract with Hilcorp provides a majority of the gas needed until 2033, we recognize that efforts to secure a new supply of gas for this region requires considerable time, preparation, development, collaboration, and resources.

**Expand gas storage** at Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage Alaska (CINGSA) in Kenai. This project increases ENSTAR's contracted storage capacity by 2 billion cubic feet (Bcf) and increases its deliverability by 75,000 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) when injecting gas and 65,000 Mcf when withdrawing gas from CINGSA.

**Secure additional gas** through a five-year agreement with Furie Operating Alaska, LLC, to receive nearly 40 Bcf over the contract term, starting in 2026. With total demand for Cook Inlet gas between 65-70 Bcf each year, and more than half of that gas going to ENSTAR residential and commercial customers, additional supply is needed.

**Cook Inlet Gateway: A Bridge Solution** - Over the last two years, we have evaluated dozens of proposals to increase our natural gas supply. We prioritized solutions to develop Alaska's resources; importing liquefied natural gas (LNG) was a last resort. However, it is a bridge solution to meeting today's urgent natural gas needs and tomorrow's in-state opportunities.



CINGSA Expansion Work 2024





Image is for illustrative purposes only. Yellow-highlighted portions represent LNG import infrastructure.

## ENGAGING THE PUBLIC ON THE PATH FORWARD

(Source: 2025 Dittman Research, N= 454 Southcentral Alaskan +/- 4.6%)

### The Public Recognizes the Problem

- 63% of Southcentral residents polled are aware of the natural gas shortage
- 59% believe it is an urgent problem
- 74% are concerned about utilities' preparedness to address the shortage

### The Public Strongly Supports Alaska Resource Development

- 80% support construction of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope.

### The Public Wants a Short-Term Energy Bridge to In-State Resources

The percentages below represent the increased likelihood that Alaskans will support importing LNG when presented with the following scenarios:

- 68%: Imported LNG is a short-term solution aligned with long-term goals by bridging the gap until a future energy project is developed.
- 66%: An LNG import project builds infrastructure that a future natural gas pipeline will require.
- 56%: Experts have studied all available options—including further developing Cook Inlet gas, use of coal, renewables, and building a pipeline. Experts concluded that importing LNG is the only realistic solution to meet near-term demand with reliable energy.