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February 26, 2013

The Honorable Tammie Wilson
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wilson:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation supports efforts to bring economical natural gas to Interior Alaska as a clean-burning alternative to other heating fuels currently used in the area. In 2009, a portion of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) was designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as a non-attainment area for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). High costs for fuel oil used in residential and commercial space heating has contributed to a shift toward heating with wood and coal. This shift has increased PM_{2.5} levels in the community.

PM_{2.5} is a product of combustion, primarily caused by burning fuels. Examples of PM_{2.5} sources include primary and supplemental space heating devices, vehicles, and power plants. PM_{2.5} health effects include premature death in people with heart or lung disease, nonfatal heart attacks, irregular heartbeat, aggravated asthma, decreased lung function, and increased respiratory symptoms, such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing. People with heart or lung diseases, children and older adults are the most likely to be affected by particle pollution exposure.

Natural gas space heating emits less PM_{2.5} than wood, coal, or fuel oil. Conversion of local space heating to natural gas would reduce overall emissions in the area. The extent and impact of emission reduction depends on how many buildings convert to natural gas and also whether the occupants reduce their use of wood or coal for supplemental heating.

The FNSB and DEC are currently working cooperatively to develop an air quality control plan to address PM_{2.5} pollution in the non-attainment area. The agencies recognize that local residents face high energy costs and the need to keep homes and businesses warm in extreme cold, so it is critical that the FNSB and DEC develop a plan that works for the specific air quality challenges of the area. Unfortunately, the agencies cannot readily commit in the air quality plan to programs or forecasts that rely on conversions to natural gas until there is more certainty that the fuel will be available in the community in sufficient quantities to support those programs. Legislative approval for the proposed AIDEA development project to finance a liquefied natural gas production and distribution system is a significant step toward providing greater certainty toward conversion to natural gas within the non-attainment area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Larry Hartig".

Larry Hartig
Commissioner



City of Emmonak

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February 22, 2013

The Honorable Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair

The Honorable Alan Austerman, Co-Chair

Members of the HFIN Committee

Alaska State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: HB74 – LNG Production & Transportation & Port of Emmonak Project

Greetings and Best Regards:

On behalf of the City of Emmonak, I wish to express support for your efforts to address the extreme cost of energy for Alaskan residents. HB74 offers an exciting opportunity to provide abundant natural gas reserves on the North Slope to Interior and rural Alaskans.

Especially of interest to residents in our region is the possibility that transported energy product could be routed by barge down the Yukon River to non-road connected river communities and Bering Sea coastal communities. We very much want to be included in this discussion and offer the following suggestion as you review HB74 and capital budgets this session.

To accommodate the steadily increasing vessel traffic at the Yukon River Delta region, a safe and efficient transshipment port facility is essential. The City of Emmonak has completed design & engineering studies for such a port. *The project is permitted and job ready!*

In 2012 (2nd Session of the 27th Legislature), Governor Parnell included \$10,000,000 for Phase I of the Port of Emmonak project in the original version of the general obligation transportation bill (HB286 - page 2, line 20). The project was designed such that it could be built in phases: Total Project = \$16,000,000 -- Phase I - \$10,000,000, Phase II \$6,000,000. The final version of the general obligation bond legislation *did* include the Emmonak Project, unfortunately for \$3,000,000 (Chapter 18, SLA 12, page 2, line 20) leaving the community short \$7,000,000 to complete Phase I.

As the legislature considers energy legislation such as HB74 to provide LNG to Interior Alaska, and coupled with Senate Finance Co-Chairman Meyers suggestion that the legislature consider 'completing projects already undertaken', we respectfully urge members to consider funding this particular port project thereby accomplishing fiscal control, energy distribution through enhanced transportation infrastructure and focusing limited funding on 'job-ready' projects.

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Emmonak is the hub for the Lower Yukon region and is the home for the major salmon buying operations on the river. Port improvements are needed for the fishing industry. Fishing is the mainstay for our regional economy. Improvements to port facilities would greatly assist the industry by streamlining operations thereby reducing risk, cost and directly benefiting the local fishing fleet.

Building and civil contractors operating in the Lower Yukon delta region require safe port facilities for material, petroleum and gravel transfers. The current port is woefully inadequate yet this is all we have to offer them. Inefficient and inadequate facilities add risk and risk adds cost to projects.

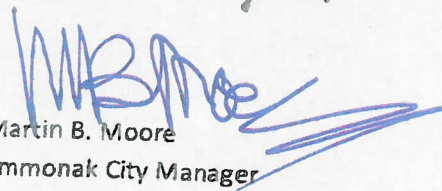
Funding Phase I results in a win-win for urban and rural Alaska. If LNG and propane products are available along the Dalton Corridor, it's logical to extend that opportunity to downriver and coastal communities. In order to accomplish this vision, a safe and efficient port infrastructure will be essential at the mouth of the river. The Emmonak Port Project fits intricately into that mosaic and Alaskans win! We stand ready to work with you and appreciate all your public service.

Thank you most kindly and please call upon our offices for any additional information.

Sincerely,

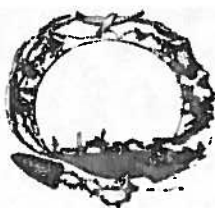

Wilbur Hootch

Mayor of Emmonak *B.M.H.*


Martin B. Moore

Emmonak City Manager

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January 29, 2013

The Honorable Sean Parnell

Governor, State of Alaska

PO Box 110001-001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell:

I sincerely thank you for your efforts in advancing your *Interior Energy Plan*. Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is a Tribal Consortium with 42 members, representing 39 villages and 37 federally recognized Tribes throughout Interior Alaska's rivers and roadways. I have included a map of our region to show the far reaching impact this project will have. Meaningful, long-term energy relief for many of our remote villages is simply a matter of survival for many of those communities. The economic strain of our high energy costs is causing untold damage to our people in terms of social ills which you have been steadfastly working to eliminate. We at TCC see a unique opportunity to service remote smaller communities, especially the river communities with propane extracted in Prudhoe Bay as part of the LNG process. Distribution of the propane along the Yukon and Tanana rivers will go a long way toward a solution to many remote villages' devastating energy costs.

TCC supports the proposal of GVEA for the LNG project for several reasons. GVEA reached out to include propane distribution in their project. They recognize the need to include our needs in their plan to expand the benefits of the LNG project to as much of Alaska as possible, including the river communities. The volume of gas and propane available from the GVEA proposed project and the expandability of that project ensures that project can and will serve more of the state than just Fairbanks. It should also be noted that GVEA's proposed project will assure that gas is delivered at the lowest cost as an economically RCA regulated utility and as a not-for-profit entity.

I thank you for your efforts on this most important effort on behalf of TCC, all of our communities and members.

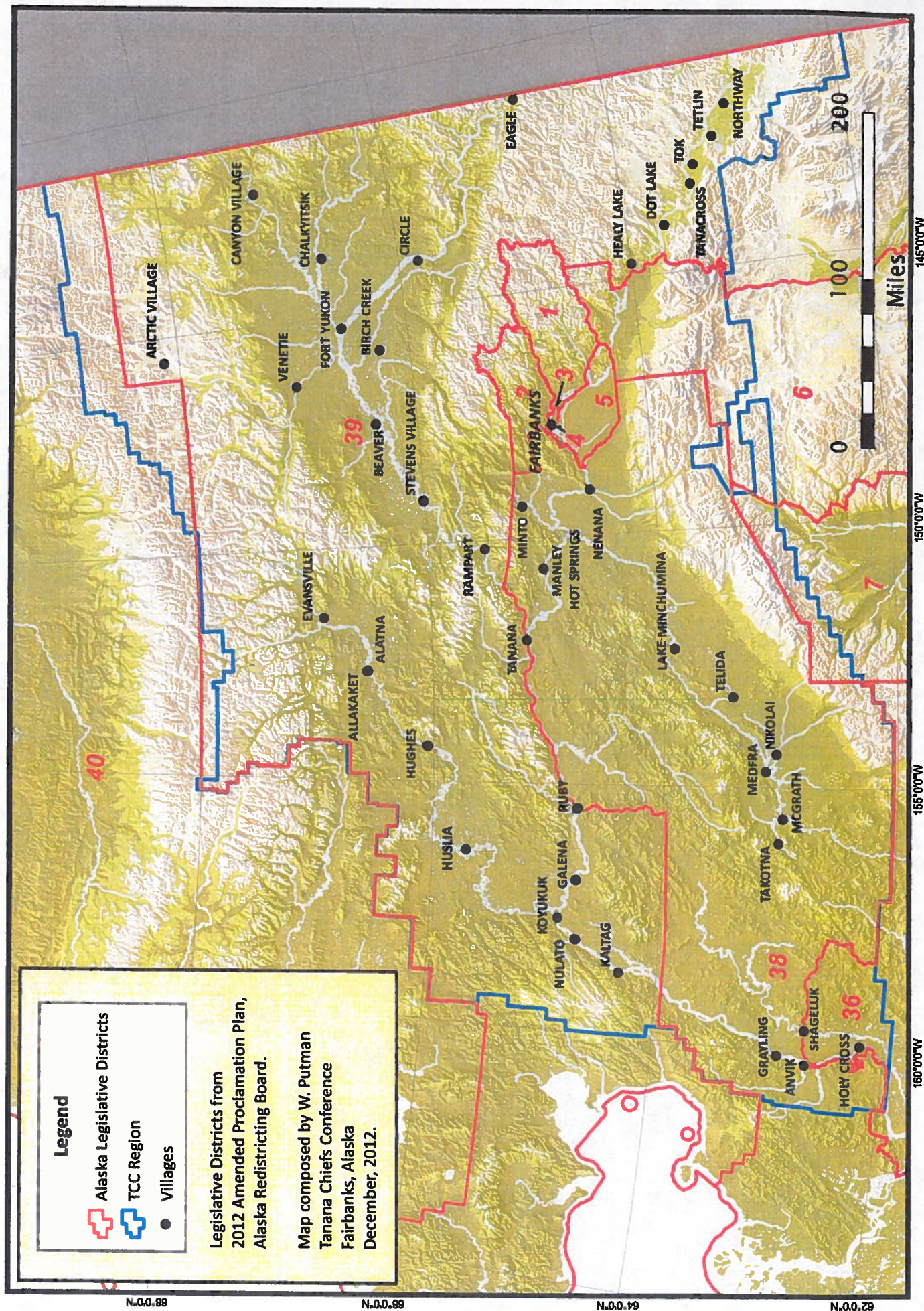
Respectively,

Jerry Issac
President

Cc: Senator Click Bishop
Senator John Coghill

Tanana Chiefs Conference is a non-profit organization that works toward meeting the health and social service needs for more than 10,000 Alaska Natives spread across a region of 235,000 square miles in Interior Alaska.

Tanana Chiefs Conference Region and Legislative Districts





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February 15, 2013

Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of the State of Alaska
Alaska State Capitol Building
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce (GFCC) thanks you for your leadership in introducing a comprehensive financial package that addresses the high cost of energy in Interior and Rural Alaska. Specifically, the GFCC is supportive of HB 74 and SB 23, bills that authorize the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to provide low interest loans and issue bonds for a liquefied natural gas production and distribution system. The Chamber supports advancement and passage of HB74 and SB 23 and will actively take a role in communicating that message.

We believe your three-pronged approach of providing 1) low interest, long term loans; 2) gas storage tax credits that passed last session; and 3) state general fund dollars are the right financial tools to build out and supply a natural gas infrastructure for Interior and Rural Alaska.

The GFCC agrees with your stated goals of natural gas at \$15/MMBTU to the greatest number of Interior residents and businesses as rapidly as possible. We do have concern that the level of state general fund money in the current version of the capital budget is not sufficient to make the project economical while also reaching the pricing and availability goals. The official GFCC position remains an appropriation of at least \$150 million in state general funds to underpin the economics of this project. As the 2013 legislative session progresses, and both the AIDEA financing bill and capital budget advance, we pledge to work with your administration and the legislature to ensure the amount and type of funds dedicated to this project are sufficient to meet the stated goals.

Lastly, and this cannot be stressed enough, the GFCC and the over 700 member businesses and organizations throughout the Interior we represent, believe it is absolutely necessary that both measures pass THIS legislative session. The Chamber's mission is to advocate a healthy economic environment by building partnerships that promote the greater Fairbanks area as an attractive place for business and community. As an economic hub for the rest of the Interior, we are also invested in solutions to the high cost of energy facing Rural Alaska. Our work is focused on creating a pro-business environment that encourages private sector investment and job creation. We believe the Interior remains the “Place to do

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Business”, but our mission is made more difficult every year that goes by without action towards a mid-to-long term energy solution that addresses the high cost of energy for our businesses and residents.

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing our community. The Chamber looks forward to being your partner in this “persistent, unrelenting effort” to bring low cost energy to the Interior and Rural Alaska.

Sincerely,



Lisa Herbert
Executive Director



Terri Froese
Board of Directors, Chair



Bob Shefchik
Energy Committee, Chair



Anna Atchison
Government Relations Committee, Chair

cc: Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell
Governor's Chief of Staff, Mike Nizich
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CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 13-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT FINANCING BY THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY (AIDEA); AUTHORIZING AIDEA TO PROVIDE FINANCING AND ISSUE BONDS FOR A LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION SYSTEM ON THE NORTH SLOPE AND NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN INTERIOR ALASKA.

WHEREAS, many Interior and Rural Alaskan communities are suffering from extremely high energy cost; and

WHEREAS, the development of in-state gas processing facilities on the North Slope would provide a supply of gas for the developing gas market of Northern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, known reserves in the Cook Inlet Basin are insufficient to supply the demand for natural gas in South Central Alaska in the future; and

WHEREAS, LNG from the North Slope could potentially be a backup gas supply for Cook Inlet and

WHEREAS, an interior gas distribution network would need to be constructed to distribute the North Slope Gas to residents and businesses; and

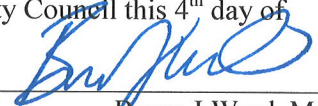
WHEREAS, trucking LNG from the North Slope would be necessary to bring the product to market; and

WHEREAS, development of vibrant local and statewide economies are dependent on affordable and accessible energy; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 23 include the necessary provisions to incentivize the construction of a natural gas liquefaction facility on the North Slope, trucking LNG to market and a distribution network in the Interior.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council supports legislative efforts to allow development of project financing relating to the dividends from AIDEA; authorizing AIDEA to provide financing and issue bonds for a liquefied natural gas production system on the North Slope and natural gas distribution system in Interior Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 4th day of February, 2013



Bryce J Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk

PASSED

Yes: Nelson, McGhee, Holm, Smith, Sikma, Ward

No: 0

Absent: Hunter



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Get gas solution now

Lisa Herbert | Posted: Saturday, February 16, 2013 12:00 am

FAIRBANKS — Last week, more than 20 Fairbanks members, directors and staff advocated for the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce's top priorities in the halls of Juneau and around the capital city during the annual legislative fly-in. The goal — to ensure that Interior and rural Alaska's high cost of energy remains at the forefront of our state legislators' conversations this session.

This past fall, the chamber's board deemed "reducing the high cost of energy" to be its top critical legislative priority for 2013. It's no secret in our community — rising energy costs are crippling the Interior's economic development opportunities and are driving away businesses and residents across the state. Disposable income continues to dwindle more and more each year, as residents struggle to pay staggering prices for space heating and electric needs.

While in Juneau, our group was well-received in just about every legislative office when we talked about the Interior's energy situation. We met with more than 50 legislators and three commissioners.

The conversations were different this year. It was clear to me that gas to Fairbanks is something that is being talked about in all of the offices and halls in Juneau, because, as Fairbanks continues to suffer, the negative impacts are felt statewide.

What can you do about it? Support the governor's energy package and encourage the Legislature to take action this legislative session. The consensus for a near-term, immediate solution has become trucking liquefied natural gas from the North Slope as a bridge to the long-term solution of piped natural gas. Gov. Parnell's proposed energy package will provide relief to Alaska residents and businesses. The bills, House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 23, are a great start to providing gas to the Interior, and the trucking of natural gas from the North Slope is broader than just Fairbanks. As the governor said Tuesday in his presentation to the chamber membership, this energy package would leverage natural gas for smaller communities and other regions of the state, it would create a backbone for economic expansion, it would fit in with a gas pipeline plan and it would be a catalyst for private-sector participation.

How can do we get there? We must continue to have discussions with our elected officials and we must not lose sight of the goal to get the lowest cost gas to as many Fairbanks and Interior residents and businesses as soon as possible — most importantly, this legislative session. The governor stressed during his presentation Tuesday that getting gas to Fairbanks is going to require "persistent, unrelenting effort and community support." Let's make sure we provide that support

by sending letters, testifying before the Legislature and encouraging our friends, families, neighbors, customers and co-workers to be a part of the process.

Other talking points to consider when communicating with our elected officials include:

- Diesel fuel for heating homes and businesses, at \$4 per gallon, equates to approximately \$30 per million Btu.

The target of \$15 per MMBtu for delivered natural gas will effectively, after conversion, cut space heating bills in half — freeing up approximately an additional \$200 million annually to circulate throughout our economy.

- Support for a solution does not require support for a specific entity or contractor to do the work. Support for and insistence on a solution that meets the economic objectives — \$15 per MMBtu gas, available widely throughout the community as quickly as possible and achieved this session — is more important.

- A North Slope project will also generate propane that can be used as part of a solution to the rural energy crisis.

No matter what line of work we are in — whether we are laborers or school teachers, accountants or lawyers, students or stay-at-home moms or dads — we are all feeling the effects of the high energy costs. I encourage and implore the members of our community to get involved and help make a difference. Contact the members of our Interior delegation and make sure that they know they have your support for bringing home energy relief before this session concludes.

While I am the executive director of the Fairbanks chamber, I'm also a mother to three beautiful children. I desire for them to have the opportunity to live the life that many of us had been afforded before staggering energy costs began to cripple our community. I'm not an energy expert, but I know that something has to happen this legislative session, and I am committed to remaining engaged in the discussions.

Lisa Herbert is the executive director of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and was recently named 2013 "Top Forty Under 40" by the Alaska Journal of Commerce. Letters of support for HB1 74 and SB 23 were sent to the governor's office by the chamber's board and energy and government relations committees. They can be viewed online at fairbankschamber.org/boardpositions.

Introduced By: Mayor Cleworth
Introduced: February 25, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 4566

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
A NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, TRUCKING AND DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM, INCLUDING LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE ALASKA
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY (AIDEA) TO
PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOANS AND ISSUE BONDS**

WHEREAS, many Interior and rural Alaskan communities are suffering from extremely high energy costs; and


WHEREAS, the development of in-state gas processing facilities on the North Slope so that liquefied natural gas ("LNG") can be trucked to market for distribution would provide a near term "bridge" solution for Northern Alaska pending the construction of a pipeline; and

WHEREAS, because known reserves in the Cook Inlet Basin are insufficient to supply the demand for natural gas in South Central Alaska, the delivery of LNG by truck may alleviate the shortage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to at least \$50 million in state funding, House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 23 will incentivize the construction by providing funds for a natural gas liquefaction facility on the North Slope, trucking LNG to markets, propane for rural communities, and distribution systems; and

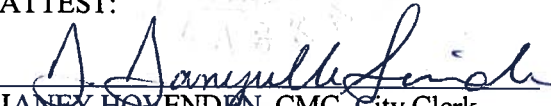
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, that the City Council supports legislative efforts in HB 74 and SB 23 that authorize AIDEA to provide low interest loans and issue bonds for a liquefied natural gas production, transportation and distribution system in addition to state grant funding. In addition, the City Council urges the legislature to provide at least \$50 million in funding for the project.

PASSED and APPROVED this 25th of February 2013.

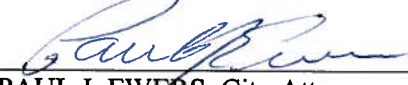


JERRY CLEWORTH, MAYOR

AYES: Gatewood, Staley, Hilling, Matherly, Walley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Eberhart
APPROVED: February 25, 2013

ATTEST:

for **JANEY HOVENDEN, CMC, City Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



PAUL J. EWERS, City Attorney

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 13-01

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT A
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM THE NORTH SLOPE TO SOUTH CENTRAL
ALASKA.**

WHEREAS, the development of an in-state gas pipeline would provide stable and affordable gas for Alaskans for many years; and

WHEREAS, known reserves in the Cook Inlet Basin are insufficient to supply the demand for natural gas in South Central Alaska in the future; and

WHEREAS, many Interior and Rural Alaskan communities are suffering from extremely high energy cost; and

WHEREAS, development of vibrant local and statewide economies are dependent on affordable energy; and

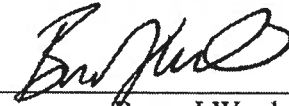
WHEREAS, Alaskans wish to leave a legacy of prosperity through development of our natural resources to the maximum benefit for the most Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) has created the Alaska Stand Alone Gas Pipeline (ASAP) and is seeking monies to bring a instate gas-line to open season; and ultimately to fruition; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4 includes the necessary provisions to advance a successful Alaska natural gas pipeline project.

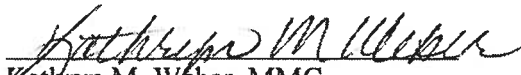
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council supports legislative efforts to fund AGDC as they move forward in developing and advancing a project to construct a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to South Central Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 4th day of February, 2013



Bryce J Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk

PASSED

Yes: Nelson, McGhee, Holm, Smith, Sikma, Ward

No: 0

Absent: Hunter



Konrad Jackson

From: Jason <jjjopp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:14 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 74

Your email of support for this bill is greatly needed. We need just a few lines on the current situation you are facing with high energy costs and how important cheaper energy is to you.

Mr. Jackson,

The energy crisis we are facing is disastrous to so many families. I urge you to support HB 74 in every way you can. We have attempted to supplement our \$8000 a year fuel bill By burning what. We have gone through approximately 25 to 30 cords a year. Not much savings! Every family I know in the Fairbanks North Star Borough would say that energy is their number one concern. Let's not wait for the ideal situation to get gas to Fairbanks. Let's do what ever gets gas to Fairbanks the soonest, please.

Jason Opp

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Konrad Jackson

From: Lance Roberts <roberts.lance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB74 LNG financing

I support HB 74, the bill for financing for the LNG Trucking project, and believe this is a vital component for a future natural gas pipeline, since it will start building the volume up in the Interior to help justify a pipeline and lower costs.

Please move this bill forward, it's critical for all of us.

Lance Roberts

Konrad Jackson

From: Patty Wisel <pwisel07@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 74

Good morning sir:

Please do every thing in your power to support the passing of HB 74 for funding LNG to Fairbanks. As I'm sure you are aware, our fuel costs are extremely high and are a hardship for many in our community. We have to provide cheaper energy options to our community - LNG. Thank you for your service and support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Patty Wisel
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Fairbanks, AK 99712
907-488-8878

Konrad Jackson

From: Stephen Stidham <stid2677@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: I support HB 74 Gas Pipeline

Please support HB 74, the ever increasing cost of heating oil is forcing my elderly mother and I to consider having to relocate from Fairbanks because we are no longer able to afford to buy heating oil to warm our home. We are both disabled and unable to use a wood stove, affordable gas would relieve the hardship we endure paying the high cost of heating oil.

Stephen Stidham

Konrad Jackson

From: Steve Vincent <SteveV@autotrimdesignalaska.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:09 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Cc: Bob Boswood
Subject: The necessity of HB74

I'd like to voice my support for HB74. The high cost of energy in Fairbanks is adversely affecting our economy from many aspects. It reduces discretionary income for staples and luxury items alike for all interior Alaskans, it adversely affects the bottom line of all businesses reducing the amount of available payroll dollars, and it is driving pioneer Alaskans living on fixed incomes out of the State they love and helped tame.

I realize this is not a quick fix, but it gives hope to those of us struggling to remain here.

Respectfully,

Steve Vincent

Steve Vincent

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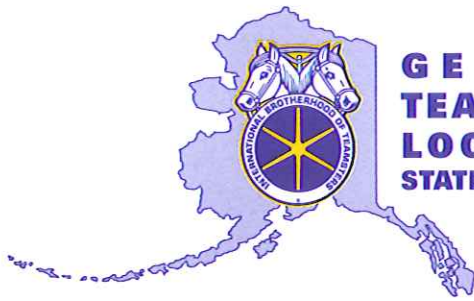
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Konrad Jackson

From: Susan Risse <susanrisse@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:50 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 74

Hello, please support getting gas to Fairbanks. Our energy costs are crazy. I don't want to retire out of Alaska, and never used to think about it, but living here is very expensive and I think about it now. Also, in an effort to save on heating costs a lot of people are burning wood and it's hurting the air quality. Please help Alaskans get some relief. Thank you, Susan Risse



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February 19, 2013

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Alaska Senator
Chair, Labor & Commerce
Capitol Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 23 LNG Project Fairbanks

Dear Senator Dunleavy:

On behalf of the Teamster members that we represent not only in the Fairbanks and outer area, but statewide, I ask that you and your committee members support and move forward SB 23, which authorizes AIDEA to provide financing and bonds for a much needed natural gas production and distribution system, within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I personally have lived in Fairbanks for over twenty years and prior to that in Anchorage, so I am very familiar with the differences in cost and availability of gas or heating sources for interior Alaska.

I also am a member of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and know well the challenged economic growth we continue to experience due in large part to the high cost of energy. I am also aware of the impact energy costs are having on our military bases in the interior. We represent members that could find themselves without employment as a direct result of the energy cost.

In addition to the above, the passage of SB 23 will create a much needed infrastructure and we believe, hundreds of jobs, directly and indirectly by bringing LNG to the Fairbanks community. While it may be only a temporary fix, it is a fix that is much needed for the second largest community in our state.

Help us help our community and the state by supporting and passing SB 23 from your committee.

Your time and effort regarding this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 959

Rick Boyles
Secretary-Treasurer

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