# **Alaska LNG Project Update Senate Resources Committee**

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# ASAP (HB4)



- Joint Record of Decision issued by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management (March 4, 2019)
  - Project as permitted would require a permanent subsidy and deliver utility grade gas with no export component—changing that would require a restart to the permitting process
  - Right of way for ASAP project on 299 miles of federal land
  - ASAP and Alaska LNG share a common path for 80% of Alaska LNG pipeline route
  - Key decisions benefit the Alaska LNG project under review by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
  - 404 permit and compensatory mitigation plan
- No additional ASAP work is anticipated unless there are gas supply issues in Southcentral Alaska and the cost of importing LNG is prohibitive

# Alaska LNG (SB138)



- 2016: Alaska LNG project Pre-Front-End Engineering and Design (Pre-FEED) completed under the Joint Venture Agreement (ExxonMobil, BP, ConocoPhillips, AGDC)
  - Economics at the time precluded Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) initiation
- 2016: Project leadership transitioned to AGDC
- 2017: AGDC initiated FERC permitting process
- 2017-18: Commercial potential defined through non-binding agreements

# Alaska LNG Project Scope



- Recommit to original Alaska LNG design:
  - Transmission lines from Prudhoe Bay and Point Thomson
  - North Slope Gas Treatment Plant
  - 807-mile, 42-inch diameter steel pipeline with multiple in-state offtakes
  - 3-train LNG facility at Nikiski to produce 20 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) of LNG

### Alaska LNG Investment



AGDC Financial Summary	FY2017*		FY2018		FY2019	
(\$0,000)	Actuals		Actuals		Projected	
Communications	\$	415	\$	1,217	\$	1,055
Commercial	\$	2,596	\$	6,669	\$	6,645
Project Finance	\$	232	\$	657	\$	1,006
Regulatory/Technical	\$	4,652	\$	5,226	\$	4,321
FERC Support	\$	4,532	\$	11,698	\$	11,195
Capital Budget Total	\$	12,427	\$	25,467	\$	24,222
Operating Budget	\$	4,703	\$	9,223	\$	9,737
Totals	\$	17,130	\$	34,690	\$	33,959
Re-Appropriation					\$	(5,000)
Fund Balance End of Period	\$	89,000	\$	54,310	\$	15,351

#### Notes:

- \*FY17 as depicted is a partial year. Reporting structure not in place prior to January 2017
- Estimated fund balance includes the proposed \$5 million Supplemental Budget fund re-appropriation (01/28/19)
- Funding Source: FY19 AKLNG 1235 Fund

### **Budget Savings**



### **Reductions to align AGDC operations with State**

FY2019 AGDC Contract Reductions (\$0,000)	Reduction Value		
Contract labor reduced by 16 FTEs	\$	2,567	
Leased office space reduced by 8,327 sq. ft.	\$	125	
Legal support and consultants reduced	\$	2,308	
Totals	\$	5,000	

#### **Reductions Commentary**

- In step with Alaska's fiscal reality
- Right size organization for narrower marketing focus
- Continue to advance FERC process
- Corporate structure and decisions focused on Alaska LNG

#### Notes:

- Ongoing budget evaluation. \$5 million in reductions is unrelated to the Jan. 28, 2019 supplemental appropriation legislation.
- FTEs = Full time equivalent
- Sq. ft. = Square Feet

### Alaska LNG Path Forward



- Return to stage-gate process
- Re-engage Alaska Legislature: House & Senate AGDC board observers
- Ascertain economic viability and competitiveness through a thorough commercial review
- Pursue qualified third-party expertise
- Re-evaluate schedules for FEED, Final Investment Decision (FID) and construction
- Complete FERC process with third-party participation

### **Define Stage-Gate Process Success**



### In order to continue to a FEED decision, AGDC must:

- Demonstrate a path that delivers returns sufficient to attract private equity investment and debt financing
  - Attainable North Slope gas purchases & LNG sales
- Engage qualified project participants with world-class LNG project experience to minimize construction, execution, and operation risks
- Ensure that AGDC's statutory objectives are met

### Third-Party Engagement



- Enlist third-party support to fund, build and operate Alaska LNG
- AGDC, BP and ExxonMobil entered into a non-binding MOU in March 2019 to review:
  - Commercial:
    - Economic model and project competitiveness
    - Financing options and strategies
    - Equity and debt capital costs, Internal Rate of Return (IRR), and tax structure
  - Technical cost estimates and FERC process:
    - Identify opportunities for value engineering to lower Total Installed Cost (TIC)
    - Update schedule to incorporate current assumptions
    - Assist with timely and technically advanced responses to obtain permits as rapidly and cost-effectively as possible
- Identify and incorporate additional parties to complete Alaska LNG

# Challenges



- Many projects worldwide have been built at tidewater, Alaska LNG's 807-mile pipeline is a cost they do not have to cover.
- Competition from projects relying on plentiful Henry Hub-priced gas, current suppliers pursuing contract renewals, and ambitious developments in new basins.
- Increased competition and Henry Hub pricing driving long-term price projections to around \$8.00/MMBtu in Asia, a challenging threshold for Alaska LNG.

# Questions?



