

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Expressing support for the construction of a natural gas spur pipeline between**
2 **Fairbanks and the Nenana Basin and Southcentral Alaska, commending the interest and**
3 **initiative of the sponsors of that project, and encouraging the appropriate state resource**
4 **agencies to lend support to those efforts.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

6 **WHEREAS** there is an estimated 100 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves on
7 Alaska's North Slope; and

8 **WHEREAS** there is, in addition, an estimated 10 to 15 trillion cubic feet of natural
9 gas reserves in the Nenana Basin; and

10 **WHEREAS** natural gas demand by residents and businesses in Southcentral Alaska
11 will continue to increase; and

12 **WHEREAS** more than half the state's population depends on natural gas to heat their
13 homes and businesses, and more than two-thirds of the state's population residing between
14 Fairbanks and Homer depends on natural gas for power generation; and

15 **WHEREAS** new measures need to be taken to spur development to protect Alaskans

1 from the price volatility of lower 48 natural gas suppliers; and

2 **WHEREAS** now is the time to focus on responsible resource development to ensure
3 low-cost energy for future generations;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate supports the construction of a
5 natural gas spur pipeline between Fairbanks and the Nenana Basin and Southcentral Alaska;
6 and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate commends the principals to this project
8 initiative, notably, Doyon Limited, Andex Resources, and ENSTAR Natural Gas Company,
9 who have together secured partial federal funding for a study of the conceptual engineering,
10 economic, environmental, in-state gas needs, and right-of-way issues for a selected route and
11 who, by pursuing funding for transportation-related gas pipeline issues, are supporting
12 construction of a Southcentral spur line project as the fastest, most efficient means to this end;
13 and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate strongly encourages the governor to direct
15 the commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner of revenue to work with these
16 parties to ensure that a Southcentral spur line project is developed in a timely manner to
17 deliver needed natural gas to Alaska residents and businesses.