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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Governor to provide
6 for the transportation of natural gas
7 from Prudhoe Bay to Interior Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS there is currently in place a separate line to carry Prudhoe Bay
10 gas to operate pump stations along the existing trans-Alaska pipeline; and

11 WHEREAS the operation of the oil field at Prudhoe Bay also involves the
12 production of 1.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day; and

13 WHEREAS only a portion of that natural gas must be returned to the
14 ground by reinjection to provide sufficient pressure for continued oil produc-
15 tion; and

16 WHEREAS a portion of the natural gas produced at Prudhoe Bay each day is
17 depleted during the re-injection process; and

18 WHEREAS Prudhoe Bay gas in its unconditioned form may be transported to
19 Fairbanks and other populated areas of Interior Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS the cost of energy in Interior Alaska is among the highest in
21 the country; and

22 WHEREAS the volume of gas currently available from Prudhoe Bay can
23 substantially reduce the cost of energy for large portions of Alaska; and

24 WHEREAS the existing 130,000 kilowatt electrical plant at North Pole can
25 be converted at a reasonable cost to operate on natural gas; and

26 WHEREAS the availability of gas will provide energy to build a plant to
27 extract methanol from the vast coal desopits of Interior Alaska;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the Governor to research possible methods of using natural gas from Prudhoe

1 Bay in order to reduce the energy costs for those Alaskans living in Fairbanks
2 and other communities along the trans-Alaska pipeline; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED the Governor is requested to negotiate with producers
4 for the purchase of gas and the transportation of the state's royalty share
5 of gas to Fairbanks and other communities by the extension of the existing
6 gas line.

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