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Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain oil and gas information; and providing
2 for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 31.05.035(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) Notwithstanding ~~(f) - (h)~~ [(c)] of this section, claims of confidentiality **shall** [WILL]
6 be denied for information disclosed to the commission under AS 31.05.030(h) that is required
7 to be disclosed under 42 U.S.C. 300h-4.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 31.05.035 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

9 (f) Except as provided in (g) and (h) of this section, the reports and information required
10 by (a) of this section shall be kept confidential for 24 months following the end of the 30-day
11 filing period under (b) of this section.

12 (g) The reports and information filed on or after July 1, 1991, under (b) of this section
13 for wells drilled solely for geologic information shall be kept confidential until 90 days after the
14 disposition of all affected unleased land.

1 (h) Upon application by the owner of the well, if the commissioner of natural resources
2 finds that the required reports and information filed for a well before July 1, 1991, under (b) of
3 this section contain significant information relating to the valuation of unleased land in the same
4 vicinity, the commission shall keep the reports and information confidential for 90 days after the
5 disposition of all affected unleased land.

6 (i) Well location, depth, status, and production data and production reports required by
7 the commission to be filed after the 30-day filing period in (b) of this section has ended are
8 public information and may not be classified confidential. In this subsection, "production data"
9 means volume, gravity, and gas-oil ratio of oil or gas after the well begins regular production.

10 (j) The commission shall provide access to information that is confidential under this
11 section to the Department of Natural Resources for that department's use in carrying out its
12 duties. The Department of Natural Resources shall keep the information confidential for the
13 same period required by this section.

14 (k) The owner of a well may in writing authorize the commission to release reports and
15 information filed under (b) of this section.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 42.06.440 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 42.06.440. INSPECTION OF RECORDS. Subject to AS 31.05.035(f) - (h)
18 [AS 31.05.035(c)], the commission shall at all reasonable times have access to, and may
19 designate any of its employees, agents, or consultants to inspect and examine, the accounts,
20 records, books, maps, inventories, appraisals, valuations, or other reports and documents, kept by
21 an oil or gas pipeline carrier or its affiliated interests, or prepared or kept for it by others, that
22 [WHICH] relate to any contract or transaction between them. The commission may require an
23 oil or gas pipeline carrier or its affiliated interest to file with the commission copies of any or
24 all of these accounts, records, books, maps, inventories, appraisals, valuations, or other reports
25 and documents, or to maintain those materials at some convenient location in the state specified
26 by order. Costs incurred in complying with a commission request to review the records referred
27 to in this section or to maintain these records in such a manner as to make them conveniently
28 available for the commission's review shall be borne by the party controlling the records.

29 * Sec. 4. AS 31.05.035(c) is repealed.

30 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.