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**STATE OF ALASKA
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SUMMARY

MEETING OF 19 & 20 MAY 1995

May 19th, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Rogers at 9:30 am. The first agenda item was review of the updated Hickel Summit report (the Workbook). OMB Staff Brad Pierce summarized the information in the Workbook. There was discussion about which revenue forecast the commission chose to use as its base case and how accurate the different revenue projections have been historically. It was noted that most projections are focused on a 10 year horizon and that a 20 year projection was probably too inaccurate to be of much use.

Further discussion centered around the need to build in growth to any formula spending and the need for the base case assumptions to show all revenues including permanent fund earnings and all expenditures including the permanent fund dividend and inflation-proofing so they are ~~not-un~~accounted for revenues and expenditures in total state spending.

It was agreed that the base case should include a list of assumptions and definitions and that the education funding assumption should include inflation. There are concerns as well that federal funding assumptions may change for budgeting purposes. OMB staff is watching the federal funding situation closely although there will not be much definitive information until October when the federal fiscal year changes.

It was also agreed that the base case must include a formula for the costs of bringing deferred maintenance requirements current and funding maintenance costs for state facilities ~~annually~~ annually. OMB is working on a list of deferred and current maintenance projects, a

process to identify such projects and a formula to be included in the operating budget of the state. OMB Director Annalee McConnell will report to the Commission when that project is finished.

CAPITAL — Other items discussed as belonging in the base case were ~~the~~ budget reserve fund as a financial cushion ^{and} a \$125 million floor for state spending incorporating the following elements: Schools @ \$25 million, safe water @\$40 million, federal match @ \$25 million and the balance in municipal grants. There was discussion about bonding for capital spending.

There was further discussion about base case assumptions and the need to look at the numbers of state employees as well as to consider differing local government capacity and how to create ^{ies} incentives for local contribution and shared responsibilities. If local economies are boosted, it could reduce the state's obligation.

It was noted that there are additional costs that accompany enhanced revenue. Some enhanced revenue and economic development growth, such as tourism, ~~perhaps~~ should be included in base case as well as ^a look at additional other revenue such as ~~as that~~ ~~from~~ mining and income taxes.

Roger Marks representing the Department of Revenue discussed state revenue projections, the assumptions made in those projections, and current major policy issues that may have some impact on state revenue. Among those issues are the lifting of the export ban, opening of the ANWR, and construction of the gas pipeline.

The department feels that it is likely the lifting of the export ban will be accomplished by the end of this calendar year. It is expected that will increase revenue to the state by approximately \$100 million in the first full year. The opening of the ANWR to oil exploration is not figured into current revenue projections. Building of a gas pipeline is not factored in to current revenue projections. There is currently a dispute, soon to be settled, about the use of natural gas from the North Slope and the issue of sale vs. miscible injections. The commission decided to invite a representative from Yukon Pacific Corporation to the June meeting to discuss this issue,

the status of the gas pipeline, and any potential for in-state distribution of natural gas.

The DoR base case includes the oil fields Cascade, North Star, and West Sac. The commission asked OMB staff to meet with DoR, DNR staff to explore potential fields for inclusion as well.

^{OTHER}
Byron Mallott, Executive Director of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation gave an informal presentation on the status of the Permanent Fund. He said that one-third of the corpus of the fund was from direct appropriations and that the permanent fund dividend is embedded in the Alaska economy. There was discussion about the permanent fund dividend and the historical view of the role of the permanent fund.

There was discussion about a long range spending plan. Some of the goals for the plan include:

- a strategy for dealing with uncertainty
- a strategy for impacts on local governments
- define the problem
- define the base case
- look at the permanent fund and its role
- look at other revenue
- define and project revenue from taxes
- define a worst case scenario
- define basic services of government
- define what the public is willing to pay for
- develop public confidence
- define some major policies & legislation that drive costs

identifying
Saturday, 20 May 1995

The public outreach subcommittee gave its report (see summary) and there was discussion about the methods of reaching the public. There was discussion about the pros and cons of polling. There was consensus that the commission will, at a minimum, produce a newspaper insert from the July 15th report discussing the size of the gap, tools to deal with the gap, and ^{include} a tear out survey response as a part of the mailer.

In addition, commissioners will attend municipal assembly meetings. Discussion about public outreach and participation will be continued at the next meeting. Discussion about the use of focus groups was held to another meeting as well.

The expenditures subcommittee gave its report (see summary). There was discussion about how to fill the fiscal gap using only reductions in expenditures. It was suggested that the commission agree on a set of principles, plug in the numbers and see if ~~it gets to~~ \$500 million. *Reduce the budget by*

It was unanimously decided that the permanent fund dividend is to be included in the base case as an expenditure. OMB was directed to make up a worksheet that includes all components of spending, send it to all the members to do draft scenarios, then combine ~~them~~ ^{the responses} into 3 or 4 different scenarios to see where there may be ~~some~~ consensus.

Eric Wohlforth testified about the importance of a long range plan and having mechanisms in place for both the sale of statewide G.O. Bonds and for taking funds from the collateral agencies such as AHFC. He pointed out that the State of Alaska has \$6.1 billion dollars of debt of which the municipalities have \$2.3 billion dollars worth of debt outstanding. A normal debt ratio is from three to five percent of unrestricted revenue. Mr. Wohlforth also testified that the state's accounting system needs review and that there needs to be a management and budget efficiency review.

He said that the Permanent Fund trustees hope to work closely with the Long Range Financial Planning Commission.

Mr. Wohlforth was asked why the state should bond for capital improvements when it could pay cash. He replied that the state was actually using reserves for its capital budget.

Mr. Wohlforth was also asked how the Permanent Fund was regarded by the bonding agencies as a backup for debt. He said that it was considered, but not directly counted.

Arliss Sturgulewski testified on behalf of the Alaska Lung Association. The Lung Association believes that any revenue enhancing plan should include an increase in the excise tax on tobacco products ^{that increase should be up} to \$1.00 a package on cigarettes and a comparable amount on smokeless tobacco. She cited a report that shows an increase in the cost of tobacco through raising taxes cuts consumption.

Brian Rogers appointed subcommittee chairs and members. There was discussion about the roles of the subcommittees (see list, attached).

There was discussion about the interim report and the final report and what each report should contain.

19 May 1995

* Navane Report

Left in + out to update

diff. among states

WORTHWHILE PRODUCT
• growing as other states

BL. Big diff - pct. rev. taxation

MN Local govt relationships different

New tax base flawed

Brad Workbook:

Production drives fiscal gap.

WLC
wed
8/30

disc.
the
forecasts
choose

MC: Choose base case, pessimistic case, optimistic case

HM: production relies on price
what is source of info
DNR, DoL, CERA - big differences

JB figures given to state are the same as those given to S&P, Moody's bond Counsel etc.

★ projection of projected B. actuals historically
_{rev. projections}

MIKEN important to build in growth to formula.

MIN Recommend look skeptically @ Cambridge

MOC.

BR Focused on 10 yr horizon / 20 yrs too long / inaccurate

BP FY96 = 16.52 bbl / spot Mkt \$18.77 May 95

★ BASE CASE SHOW ^{all} revs of perm. fund earnings
 " exp PFD, inflation, nothing, etc. } ★ TABLE 2

so as not to be "off book"

★ Needs to look at balance of perm fund and real earnings, if perm fund infl. etc.

MOC ★ are projections accurate based on 10 yr history of price of oil? ★

? Medicaid ^Q population only or provider/svc?
 also inflation

Bobl. ★ List of assumptions + definitions (Table 2)

- Education needs to include inflation

BL:

Nordale: Fed \$?

BP 95 recession: indian housing / youth / neg.
96 budget: (ocr)
block grants:

★ deferred maint -

show current maint as well as deferred
maint along w/ capital spending ★

DR KAISER'S
FORMULA?

BL 40 Million per year to fix deferred maint?
include in base case 10yr elimination

★ Loescher/Rogers want to see snapshot
of building maint needs ★

McConnell working on
list

process to identify
formula in op. bud

Come back to report

BL what else in "Baseline" ^{trad}

LG need \$ cushion ie. budget reserves

Federal dollars driving state exp. on CAPITAL \$.

also
Code Compliance adds 40 CAPITAL COSTS

BP \$125M Floor for CAPITAL \$

SCH 25

SALEW 40

Fed ~~25~~ 25

Municipal

BL ^{Support}
GO. Bonds for capital spending

Needle bonding dangerous / ^{greater} rural urban disparity makes
bond issues ^{more} risky. Makes sense to
limit bonding to saleable items

Golsueff Legislature / Assy unreq bond could bond.

" ~~Need~~
Economic projections on AK Economy as a
whole ~~AK~~

BR ★ #ST-EMPLOYERS 1969-1979. May look more like post-oil recession.

compare w OTHER STATES.

Nurme ★ report re: st. emp needs to be updated ★

Gorsuch: differing local govt capacities
how create incentives for local controls/shared responsibility.

MoC Efficiency counts too.

Lincoln definitions of demographics
ie. rural family

Brady: Need to take new look at state
intems of assumptions re: income + area

Lincoln yes, need to have that info.

BL ^{pg 33 & 34} re: ec. dev. as revenue generating tool.

BP update fm Hinkel summit

BL some are close to bankable, ie. tourism
& 6% annual visitor growth, should be

6
factored into base case, also adding in base case?

Mining?

look at additional revenues in terms of base case

Nature also additional costs go along w enhanced revenue

Noedale if local economy boosted then could reduce states obligation

Gorsuch also income tax.

JB shared taxes need to look at

* table of shared taxes. ~~done~~

Should we show in our base case both revenue & exp. side

BP What do you want

JB what do we do to tax + raise \$, then what do we do with it.

BR where tax levy $\rightarrow$ directly related to an expenditure / levy severable from expenditure.

BR Take action on deposit to PFCoerus from EEA
 Beady has concerns about second guessing
 legislature

Roger

Marks: Revenue Projections:

Export Ban

Anwe

Gas Pipeline

Differing Revenue Forecasts

Roger Anwe:

Marks Uncertainty

JB Acknowledge but do not factor in.

Roger

Marks

Gas Pipeline

Case in dispute about use of oil

Report from Producers in about weeks
 re: willingness to sell gas

~~Are you leaving today & lunch?~~

Loeschel: need also to look at undervalued assets of the state also.

Comer ~~*~~ Need Yukon Pacific Rep to discuss gas pipeline. + June report ~~MI~~ ^{MI} ~~REPT~~ ^{VS. SELLING}
 May need date: potential for in-state distribution (take off)

Annake } Perhaps lay out ground rules for
 McConnell } facing better or worse times.

Roger Maers: Lifting of
ANS Export Ban
 Prob strip before end of yr.
 Probably need to add \$204 FY96 proj
 to the estimate of EOM benefit to
 state from lifting ban.

Forecasts:

Annake Can talk to DoR, DNR to look at future probabilities in terms of revenue projections. Also admin will be using some multi ~~month~~ ^{year} budgeting

Grobsuch Probability?

Basecase

Cascade, North Star, West Sac now in base case
 Projection

Prady
Nauru

Relief Valves

Specimen: }
Bedani }
Bau/ut }
Chille Delta }

Loechee

"Marginal field strategy"

O'Connor

Historical production forecasts DNE/DOR

TOBLAD get together w DNE, DOR look at potentials as well as \$.

Byron
Mallott

Permanent Fund

Mental Health land dev.
University Lands

WILL BE DOING CONTRACT
w PERM F

Liquidity vs. assets under mgmt.
i.e. dividends have first call on cash.

Fund driven by dividends, then by inflation-proofing. Leads to short term consideration very little policy re: how should grow & be used for long term.

Noedale

income picture if dividend fund fixed is entire fund inflation proofed (ie also reserve acct)

1/3rd perm fund is fm direct approp.

higher risk investment policy
in STATE investment policy

investment grade paper here
"open for business"

Mallott

PRD "embedded" in Alaska's economy.

Capping dividends makes big difference
in when PF can start to grow.

leveraging i.e. drift investment decisions
made outside of AK's
interests, but PF could
perhaps help get access
through investment or
information

AK's TELECOMMUNI-
cation's FUTURE.

"institutional activism"
i.e. ^{use of} voting stock.

Thinks some of these ideas should come
from somewhere else, not Trustees. Not
RECOMMENDING ANYTHING!

Doing policy review to look at triggers
to .

JB * Get list of proposals for use of perm
fund and what they are supposed to do.
~~There's new coffee and many sleepy~~
~~faces. Probably need a short break.~~

Nordale: Income sales create surge in dividends call, rather than increase amount of corpus.

Cap dividend amount
vs. Cap dividend pool

Goesuch create mechanisms to eliminate dividend and use PF to fund gov

BR is it fair to take income equally from everyone.

Nordale write letter re: questions/scenarios
* ~~write~~ letter to PFD
* Killip's PFD scenario letter.

Goesuch head off info to public
BR 1977 papers re: role of PF

Nature scope of problem needs to be laid out for

Sen. L. Dividends #1 in Rural Alaska.

* HB 407 / 15th LEGISLATURE - COWPER
ED ENDOWMENT GET COPY *

JB Need to do poll.

Plan

Nordale: Plan should be goal oriented

Sen. Link Plan needs to address "3 family needs"

Brady How would we do that.

Ch.

Nawane Appropriation power of Legislature used to allocate Legislature

Annalee ? GOAL STRATEGY FOR DEALING w UNCERTAINTY

Blud " IMPACTS ON LOCAL GOVTS

LOESCHER " DEFINE PROBLEM
 " " BASE CASE
 " LOOK AT PF AND ITS ROLE
 " OTHER REVENUE
 " DEFINE AND PROJECT TAXES

BRADY " FAIL SAFE TRIGGER (WHAT DOES REAL
 BAD
 MEAN)
 DEFINE WORST CASE SCENARIO

GOALS

H.Mot

DEFINE BASIC SVCS. OF GOVT / LEAST TO
GET BY.

Noedake

LOOK AT SERVICES PROVIDED

Ludwig

DEFINE WHAT WE'RE WILLING TO PAY FOR.

Goeswert

Need to be more positive about looking
to the future.

McConnell GOAL

DEVELOP PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

we are making progress, NOT STANDING
STILL, BUDGET REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY.

Sen. Lincoln

- rural/rust - not substantially better
than 1970.
- Also technology and legislation
driving budgets.
- Subsistence equivalents in dollars.
if no subsistence, dependent upon
wellfare & more.
- political arena.

BR

- Criminal code penalty increased
driving cost of courts and collections

Gorsuch Need to avoid micro mgmt: sentencing
length vs. Swiftmess

* local share check justice dept guidelines *

B³⁰

PLZ ANNOUNCE THAT MATERIALS CAN BE
LEFT HERE.

Saturday

Public OUTREACH & report
discussion re:
methods of reaching public

Brady ^{polling} ~~defini~~ by region use up to 100

Goesueh Commission charged with coming up w a plan
not poll results

Noedale Has polls she will share, public wants a
plan

Lincoln Change in resolution clear/disseminate
report + solicit public comment

Loeschee look at change in phases

- current phase need info to do job
- build record
- solicit written testimony through newspaper ads
- need expert input prepare list of specific questions
- budget writers

- Loescher
- public relations is a very dangerous business
 - credibility on the line
 - need strategic plan use tools ie. polling to backup report
 - professionally handled

Annalee Between now & Oct consider public info phase. Try to change public perceptions and show there really is a fix/goal.

Bradley ~~old~~ Goesuch way

- means won't be saleable afterwards

Motley

- doesn't think we should be out trying to sell stuff

Rogers

- optimize right along with saleability

Motley Problem won't be solved before the last reserve is spent.

Ludwig Agree w/ Goesuch. Polling would be nice, but our job is to come to a conclusion with facts and then present plan to public

Gorsuch We are a good cross section
Public likes longer view.

Nordak Look at requirements of constitution
FEDS
use that as base case
need only to SET OUT FACTS

Rogers Constitution not clear as to appropriate level

Nordak Making changes to current levels of funding
political decisions

Brady Subcommittee

Morley Lay out facts DOR

Progers

- Newspaper insert
- July 15 report
- Size of Gap, tools to deal w gap w
- TEAR OUT RESPONSE

Beune

- send out commission schedule
- talk shows
- City ^{meet w} councils / borough assemblies

Annalee Likes going to assy mtgs

Goesuch: ~~3~~ focus groups
 • would give substantive feedback
 ★ Hold for another meeting

★ s/c Pub Outreach
 How to do response and get input
 ★ methods/plan/cost
 ★ ~~STAFF WORK UP~~
~~DETAILED BUDGET~~

Brady Exp. s/c
 gave report as written

McConnel How detailed?

Brady See if agreement on principles
 series and then get agreement on
 plug in numbers
 see if it gets to \$50.0

★ GET minutes fm public hearings
 HCR1

300,000
 4pg tabloid printing = \$10,000

Rogers Unanimous that PFD is on the table ~~★~~
 as an expenditure

Panichot Jim Kelly letter see chore list

McConnell Come up w 1/2 doz different alternatives
 for getting to the fiscal gap

Motley Orig purpose of permfund

Riecher Research history of permanent fund

Loeschel.

Rogers UNLESS fairly explicit about cuts
 not real. Likes 4 plan ideas
 ★ WORKSHEET, incl all components of
 GF spending, then send out to all
 members to do draft scenario, then
 combine into 3 or 4 scenarios
 by major service components

Goesuch Proceed individually, then approach as a
 group

Motley don't stay too theoretical. Examples
 need facts to back them up.

Ludwig Family budget analogy. Boil down numbers

Prady develop/death
Worksheet for Commission to fill gaps
+ principles to cuts
→ contribution of cuts to filling gaps.

Rogers turn over to sk?

Rieger

Goals of Financial Plan

ERIC WEILFORTH "MECHANISMS"

GO. Bonds

AHFC ON CREDIT WATCH

STP:

- CASH CAPITAL PROJECTS DIFFICULT
- 6.1 billion debt
- 2.3 " " municipalities
- ALASKA PUBLIC DEBT check this

PEER FUND TRUSTEES HOPE TO WORK CLOSELY

- STATE'S ACCOUNTING SYSTEM needs to be looked at. i.e. annual report late
- MGMT + budget/efficiency review

Pancho: Capital budget GF 108.
Base case capital component needs to
inflate

Ludwig: ~~What if~~ Why Bond when pay cash?

Elic: using RESERVES, actually
should plan for realistic capital
spending for long term using GO bonds

Riever: PF as endowment - more aggressive?
for op. bud.

Groesbeck: How is PF regarded as backup for debt?

Wierborn: looked at and counted, but not directly
counted.

Loescher: What debt %? of unrestricted revenues

EW: 3-5%, per capita debt

Nordale: count revenue of AFFL etc if count
as part of debt.

Stungilewski

Lung Asso -

- include inc. in excise tax on tobacco producers
- \$1 pk on cigs, comp. on smokeless tobacco
- 93 report shows intervention by raising taxes cuts consumption.

\$ Revenue \$

Rizzo

Report

Concern about non-users vs. CF

- Revise or repeal Const Budget Reserve
- works at cross purposes
- State's retirement systems $\rightarrow$ entitlement unfunded retirement liability

Goesuch

Interim Report

restate Charge

goal

process

i.e. meetings, work schedule

draft final report outline

- problem
- progress
- Challenge
- goals
- Considerations
- recs.

ROGERS
problem +
scenarios -

gap
tools
work schedule

Nordale: if refer to CBE, 2/3rds vote more accessible

Nordale: 2/3rds would make it worse.

McConnel listing of areas of concern
"perception of expenditures" ^{IE} trends

Rieser: Mechanisms re: budgeting process should be in list

~~Notes~~ Style + Drafting
 Rough draft by 1 June / Subcommittee
 Mary
 Annaker
 Bruce
 Bruce
 Lee
 Hugh
 rough draft interim report
 Skeleton Outline
 final report

Goesman "Expectations Gap"

Nordale need to be very specific about why there is a gap

Loebchel Billion \$ approp to fund
DRAFT REPORT
 Prior to June 10 mtg.

McConnell "Progress Report":
 Brady "Interim Report":

TOOLS AND MECHANISMS

Brady look at other subcommittees
 Lunch

Rogers: revenue sources subcommittee + pumpfund
 Nordale ec. dev
 Pouchot taxation
 Navane
 Lee

invite Condor
 to participate

Budget Process + Reserves

McConnell

Brady

Steve ~~Reinhold~~ Rieker

Sean Parnell

HUGH

Mike

Impacts to be part of each committee's
 charge

mechanisms
 Reserves

Expenditures sh^d should look at
"investments"

Pr

Inter Gov Comm

Bob Loescher Parnell
Lincoln
Ludwig
Brady
Westfall

McConnell Reserves Policy? } See budget process sh^d
Rogers }

Rieger Subjective judgment should be made
relative to other programs, rather than
examined by itself

Navarre Tools should be useful no matter what
the size of the gap.

Goesuech Need to project costs based on historical
figures

Brady
Navarre Build model re: gap that can all
agree on and easy to explain
and in real terms.

Rogers Model needs

Prady needs work session to agree on base case and get some "buyoff" from legislature

Nawane Need public buyoff too

Pancho Don't want to make too big a thing of it.

Nawane Outgoing projections:
E. Fdn formula now = base case

McCombe Base case not limited by statutory limitations

Prady First need to ensure that legislature and gov agree. Need to have work session & leadership to buy off

Ludwig DOES NOT AGREE THAT EDUCATION SHOULD reflect education
· education of public part of change

Gorsuch doesn't think can get buyin from legislators

Lincoln don't need other groups, commission should decide and then defend

Navane Need consensus report for most credibility

Schedule Disc.

Gorsuch work on recommendations
SUGG: draft interim report
gap / base case

Couple hours

1. S/C Reports
4. Panel
2. base case
3. recs./tools

Expenditure
committee
to look
at concept

Subcommittees of One:

Gorsuch - recs. Budget. "in their backyard"

ed.

Lincoln

" rural sk

Ludwig

" public employees

Hotelling

" increase oil revenue

Judy

" municipalities

Nordale

" Law

Rogers: reduce panel time, but do need
minutes

Goesuch: Sp direct Q's to panels rather than
open-ended discussion.

Nordale: draft up Qs or scenarios ie. PF, what ^{effect} would
and a particular action have?

Rieger: SB51 backup may help.

Nordale: tradeoffs - PF revenue / income tax
phase in revenue potentials.

Rogers: Alc integ liaise w school bds & fan task force
- Rec. min group to full commission

27 July Mtg: afternoon + evening

1. Report publish approve
 2. Scheduling Sept testimony
 3. Pub. pair
- evening videos?

Nauane: Polling
• identify costs
•
- delegate to subcommittee

~~Abel~~ A.

Loeschel: Need draft outline of final report
skeleton draft, identify holes in report
find permanent professional writer
would like to see by 11, 12 Aug.

Rogers by end of June produced by the time
the interim report is completed. Could
help

talk to Gordon Harrison about help w/
report draft.

PROS

DEPTO
PERM FUND

CONS

Takes \$ off table

Eliminate $\frac{3}{4}$ s vote

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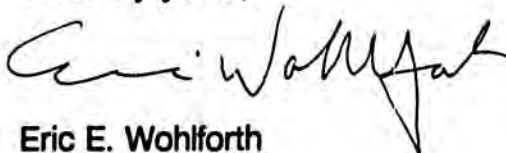
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Dear Chairman:

This is to indicate that I would like an opportunity to address the Commission on the subject of my earlier letter at its meeting May 19, 1995, at whatever time is appropriate for public participation. I would like as well to be put on the mailing list for minutes of Commission meetings. In this regard, I note that the Commission at its last meeting established a Public Information and Comments Subcommittee and charged it with developing a plan for public involvement. I would like to know the details of your decisions on public involvement through advice from the subcommittee when it is available. My major interests are the capital expenditure field and capital borrowing. In addition, I am willing to assist in research on ways to upgrade the State's financial reporting systems to get more timely and coherent financial information out to the general public and the investing public. A major area for improvement in handling State money is in the area of management efficiency. The last major State effort in this regard was completed 19 years ago in May 1976. State government is long overdue another intensive management review in the style provided 19 years ago. Shelby Stasney is eloquent on the need for a major upgrade in the State's Accounting system. I hope you can co-opt his help in the process.

I stand ready to help as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,



Eric E. Wohlforth

Brian: 456-2531
called Eric. He will
come + testify on Sat.
Also he sent some new
StPactide I will
DISTRIBUTE @ Meeting.

MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY
IS A NEW TOPIC! BUT A
GOOD ONE.

MAF

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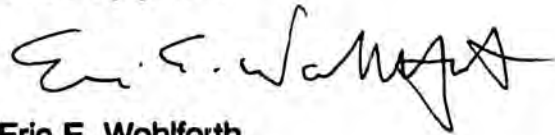
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Brian Rogers
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Dear Brian:

I enclose two recent statements from Standard & Poor's commenting on the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. You will note the importance they place on the Long Range Financial Planning Commission in revising their AHFC Credit Watch outlook from negative to developing and how important the Commission's work will be in the final rating of bonds of the Corporation.

Sincerely yours,



Eric E. Wohlforth

cc: Dan Fauske, CEO-AHFC
Mark Cameron, CFO-AHFC

ID: P24

TIK:

HEADLINE: Alaska Housing Finance Rtgs on S&PWatch Developing

NY - S&P CreditWire 4/19/95 - The G.O. and Eurocommercial paper ratings of Alaska Housing Finance Corp. (AHFC) remain on CreditWatch, where they were placed Feb. 23, 1995 (see table below). However, the CreditWatch implications are revised to "developing" from negative. Developing means the ratings could be raised or lowered, depending upon future occurrences.

The revised implications reflect legislation proposed by Gov. Tony Knowles that includes a State Transfer Plan, which fixes AHFC payments of \$270 million to the state over a five-year period. The revision also reflects an effort by the state to establish a Long-Term Financial Plan in order to ensure the future financial stability of the state through the creation of a Long-Range Financial Planning Commission.

AHFC was placed on CreditWatch with negative implications because of uncertainty over the scope and magnitude of future corporate asset transfers to the state's general fund. The Alaska Division of Legislative Audit released a report on Feb. 9, 1995 identifying \$445 million of AHFC assets that could be withdrawn over the next two fiscal years for state use. This report was the second by the auditors, the first report resulted in a \$200 million incremental transfer of AHFC assets under a board of directors-approved State Payment Plan and, S&P's revision on May 2, 1994 of AHFC's rating outlook to negative from stable.

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Specifically, the legislation authorizes enactment of a State Transfer Plan and \$30 million of AHFC G.O. bonds to pay for deferred housing maintenance at University of Alaska campuses. The State Transfer Plan is similar to the State Dividend Plan, which currently is being phased out. This plan resulted in a total earnings distribution of \$114 million to the state. The State Dividend Plan permitted a distribution of the lesser of 50% of AHFC's unrestricted net income, or 50% of AHFC's total net income. Payments to the state under the new State Transfer Plan are capped at \$270 million, payable in four \$50 million installments following the initial transfer of \$70 million in fiscal 1996. Payments in any given fiscal year cannot exceed AHFC's net income as reflected in its audited financial statements for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Therefore, maximum payments for each year under the new plan can only be funded from AHFC's earnings, projected to be in excess of \$100 million for fiscal year 1995. In down years, such as during the 1986-1989 recession in Alaska when AHFC posted losses of close to \$124 million, payments to the state may not occur - AHFC's \$1.4 billion asset base will be substantially protected for bondholder security.

Another promising development is the legislature's creation on Feb. 10, 1995 of a bipartisan Long-Range Financial Planning Commission. The commission will propose new capital planning procedures and look for ways to promote economic stability by diversifying the state's economy and lessening dependence on the oil industry. The proposals could ultimately lead to future G.O. debt issuance by the state as declining and volatile oil revenues make it increasingly difficult for the state to continue its practice of funding capital projects on a pay-as-you-go basis.

S&P continues to have some concerns about outright AHFC asset transfers to the state beyond the five-year State Transfer Plan, since AHFC payments represented 10% of the state's unrestricted revenue, the second-largest item overall in fiscal 1995. Moreover, since G.O. debt issuances require voter approval, AHFC's asset base could be a politically more attractive alternative to remedy budget shortfalls resulting from lower-than-forecasted oil revenues.

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AHFC Ratings Still on CreditWatch; Implications Revised to Developing
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\$389.95 mil. ins. mtg. prog. bnds. ser. 1977-1, 1977-2	
1977-3, 1978-1, 1990-1, 1993-1	A+
\$46.085 mil. hsg. dev. bnds. ser. 1991A, 1992A, 1993A-E	A+
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\$300 mil. gen. mtg. rev. bnds. ser. 1991 A, 1991C	A+/A1+
\$32.635 mil. gen. mtg. rev. bnds. ser. 1991B	A+
\$150 mil. eurocommercial paper prog.	A-1

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Note: The above was retyped by AHFC to improve legibility from a facsimile received directly from S&P.

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UPDATE: DEVELOPING

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\$32.835 mil. gen. mtg. rev. bnds. ser. 1991B A+

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LONG SHORT



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CREDITWATCH

REMOVALS

ISSUER

RATING ACTION

Chewchilla (Calif.) Unified High School District

Affirm 'BBB' certificates of participation and 'SP-1+' TRANS.

Credit Suisse LOC-backed issues

Lower ratings on 49 issues.

Swiss Bank Corp. LOC-backed issues

Lower ratings on 46 issues.

CREDIT SUISSE LOC-BACKED ISSUES *

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DOWNGRADED *

LOC-backed issues (see list)

Rated debt \$935.8 mil.

The ratings on 47 Credit Suisse LOC-backed issues are lowered and removed from CreditWatch, where they were placed March 13, 1995. This action follows the lowering of the CD ratings of Credit Suisse to 'AA+' from 'AAA' and the subsequent removal from CreditWatch.

LONG TERM



Credit Suisse LOC-backed issues lowered and removed from CreditWatch

Issuer

Arkansas Hospital Equipment Finance Authority fltg. rt. weekly dem. hosp. equip. rev. bnds. ser. 1985

Auburn Industrial Development Agency, AL, 1992 ind. dev. rev. bnds. (Volpi Manufacturing USA Co. Inc.)

Berkeley County, SC fltg. rt. mon. dem. poll. cti. rev. bnds. ser. 85 (Niobay Chemical Corp.)

Brazley County Industrial Development Authority, TN var. rt. dem. rev. reldg. bnds. ser. 1993C (Olin Corp.)

Brazos River Harbor Navigation District, TX fltg. rt. mon. dem. poll. cti. rev. bnds. ser. 1984 (Badische Corp.)

Cajalero Parish Incorporated Industrial Development Authority, LA var. rt. dem. rev. rldg. bnds. ser. 1993B (Olin Corp.)

California Health Facilities Authority var. rt. dem. rev. bnds. ser. 1985A, B and C (Santa Barbara Cottage Associates)

California Pollution Control Financing Authority var. rt. dem. poll. cti. rev. bnds. ser. 88C (Pacific Gas and Electric Co.)

Chattanooga Industrial Development Authority, TN ind. dev. rev. bnds. (Prime Group Inc.)

Rating		Am
To	From	(mil \$)
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	31.8
AA+	AAA	1.8
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	5.0
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	7.7
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	5.0
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	13.4
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	29.9
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	200.0
AA+/A-1+	AAA/A-1+	10.0

10 MAY 1995

BRIAN:

GAIL HAS APPROVED THE TRAVEL FOR THE MAY MEETING SO THAT HURDLE IS JUMPED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DRAFT SCHEDULE AND DRAFT AGENDA. I PLAN TO GET THESE OUT TOMORROW IN THE PACKET TO BE MAILED SO IF YOU CAN TURN IT AROUND BY NOON THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING.

HAVE YOU BAGGED THE NOTION OF A RECEPTION SINCE KAKM IS TAPING THAT EVENING?

I AM GETTING ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES ABOUT THE NOTION OF A 2015 GROUP, WHAT DO YOU THINK, SHALL I FORGE AHEAD?

MAF

Brian Rogers
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Potential Settlement Funds
- 2:00pm-3:30pm Cambridge Energy Report
Legislative Finance Projections
- 3:30pm-5:00pm Spending Overview
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Commissioners may wish to attend

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3. Public Testimony (11:00 am - 12 Noon)
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5. Discussion of Interim Report
6. Identify Additional Subcommittees
7. Set Subcommittee Schedule
8. Additional Public Testimony as time allows

To leave a message for a member, you may call 258-8174

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Noon-1:00pm Lunch brought in.

2-3 ~~1:00pm 3:00pm~~ Cambridge Energy Report
 Legislative Finance Projections

3-5 ~~3:00pm 5:30pm~~ Spending Overview

6:30pm KAKM TAPING PROGRAM ON FISCAL GAP. (tentative)
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10³⁰ - 12 Review of other materials
 mailed to members (PTA)

12 Lunch brought in

Phone # for messages?

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Discussion of Interim Report

④ March →
Receipt 19 May

9-530 mat
530-7 Reapt
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8-430 Sat

SANDWICHES

May
19+20th

DRAFT SCHEDULE LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMISSION

19 MAY

Work Session/Briefings

1. Revenue Projections-Department of Revenue
2. Cambridge Energy Report
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20 MAY

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Discuss Arch Chamber
Commonwealth North
group.

3 JUNE

Briefings, Discussion of Alternatives video? ②

INC SOURCE
ASSETS

17 JUNE

Impacts Briefing, Discussion of Alternatives video ④

Budget Cuts

15 JUL

Approve Interim Report, Begin Production

Impacts of Alternatives ⑨ State/Local Gov't Resp video

Mailing of Interim Report & Survey

Use Month of August for Public Outreach/ie Radio Talk

Shows, Newspaper Interviews, Municipal Meetings,

etc. Impacts of Alternatives ③ Stabilization of Revs
Prep Hearings ⑤ Budget Process

Public Hearing-Northern Region

⑧ video

Fairbanks

& Kotzebue, Barrow, Nome, etc.(audio)

Public Hearing - Southcentral Region

Anchorage

& Mat-Su, Kodiak, Valdez, etc. (audio)

Public Hearing-Southcentral Region

Kenai

& Seward, Homer, etc. (audio)

Public Hearing - Southeastern Region

Juneau

& Ketchikan, Sitka, etc. (audio)

Aug 26 ⑥ New
Revenues

⑦ 15-16 Sep Report Prep : Initial Plan

~~25 Sep~~

~~Meet to decide upon final report~~

⑦ 29-30 Sep

Report Final

1 Oct

Final Report Due



MEMORANDUM

14 May 1995

TO: Suzanne Lowell
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives'

FROM: Melissa Fouse
Staff, Long Range Financial Planning Commission

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*Thanks for turning that around
so quickly! A correction:
Saturday meeting to begin @ 8:00 am
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*Thanks,
MWF*

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