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Requesting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to schedule hearings in Alaska on the impacts of the natural gas pipeline from the North Slope.

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

WHEREAS the President of the United States and Congress have decided that the speedy construction of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Fairbanks and then down the Alaska Highway to the lower forty-eight is in the national interest; and

WHEREAS the trans-Alaska oil pipeline was planned and built with minimal attention toward its socio-economic impact, especially on communities near the pipeline corridor; and

WHEREAS residents of Alaska will be directly impacted by the construction of the natural gas pipeline, especially those living nearest to it; and

WHEREAS the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has established, by Administrative Order No. 1 of December 16, 1977, the Alaska Gas Project Office "to act on behalf of the Commission in order to expeditiously and yet comprehensively gather the necessary information of which the Commission must be cognizant before it can intelligently analyze and rule upon future applications for permanent certification... In performing these functions, the Director shall have the authority to meet with all relevant entities and groups...";

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska Gas Project Office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is respectfully requested to schedule hearings on socio-economic impacts in Alaskan communities this year, especially in those located on or near the proposed route.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission; the Alaska Gas Project Office; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.