

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ALASKA NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Glacier View, Alaska  
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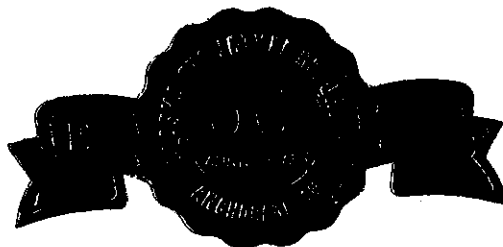
Staff in Attendance:

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Debbie Whethem

Reported By:

Patta K. Johnson MS.



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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MS. PRITCHARD: Good evening. My name is  
3 Janetta Pritchard and I'm with the Department of  
4 Natural Resources. We're here to talk to you about  
5 ANGDA's proposal for the gas pipeline; a 24-inch  
6 buried gas pipeline from Glennallen to Palmer. The  
7 purpose of this hearing is to get your comments --  
8 positive, negative, whatever it is you would like to  
9 say regarding their proposal.

10 What the Department of Natural Resources  
11 is doing is ANGDA has come to us to use State land to  
12 construct this pipeline and they have asked for a  
13 conditional right-of-way. A conditional right-of-way  
14 does not offer them any property interests. What it  
15 does is that it gives them a document that they can  
16 use to go to a financial institution and get  
17 financing.

18 There are a number of things they will  
19 still have to do even after they get that conditional  
20 right-of-way. One of the things is they have to show  
21 that they are fit, willing and able. That means the  
22 financials that they have, the capability of the  
23 constructing this pipeline and that they have a use  
24 for the gas that is going to go through the pipeline.

25 The other thing that they need to do is

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1 there is about 25 different plans they have to  
2 develop and submit to the Department for approval.  
3 Those plans are such things as air quality, water  
4 quality, erosion, stream crossings, and I believe  
5 they are going to start this summer working on some  
6 of those plans.

7 The way we run the hearing is it's not a  
8 give and take. It's not like the open house  
9 where I'm usually able to answer, but we're looking  
10 to hear your comments. We have a court reporter; her  
11 name is Patta Johnson and she is taking and recording  
12 everything that is said. And my assistant Debbie  
13 Whetham, she is the timekeeper. We offer you three  
14 minutes to give comments. Patta is experimenting  
15 with a new toy and she asks that you hold this when  
16 you give your comments so she can see how well this  
17 equipment works. Are there any questions?

18 MR. HEINZE: Do you mind telling them  
19 about the alternatives to oral testimony?

20 MS. PRITCHARD: That's a good idea. There  
21 are two alternatives. One is if you don't want to  
22 give oral testimony today, you are welcome to send it  
23 to us in writing. You can also do both. You can  
24 give the oral testimony and also send your comments  
25 in writing. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. April 24.

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1 You're welcome to send it by snail mail or you are  
2 welcome to fax it to me. I have cards up there with  
3 my address and fax number and I welcome any and all  
4 the comments. Now are there any questions?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I really  
6 don't understand who or what is the Development  
7 Authority. I understand the pipeline, but I'm not  
8 sure who they are, what they are, or what their  
9 motivation or incentive is. I don't really have any  
10 comments, but I'm not quite sure who the players are  
11 or what they are.

12 MS. PRITCHARD: Okay. ANGDA is a State  
13 corporation that was created the by a ballot measure  
14 back in 2002. It is run by a CEO, Harold Heinze, and  
15 he reports to a board of directors that were  
16 appointed by the governor and that is who he reports  
17 to. I don't know, Harold, you do better at  
18 explaining it.

19 MR. HEINZE: We are a small organization  
20 and we are part of the State of Alaska. Okay? So  
21 your are the shareholders. Think of it more like the  
22 Alaska Railroad or the Alaska Housing Finance. It  
23 plays a role in the state. This was first chart the  
24 board made up. We do not have a profit motive. We  
25 have a benefit motive; that is where we are coming

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1 from in this.

2 The big benefit of what we are trying to  
3 accomplish here is getting gas to here. This area is  
4 piped for gas. Anywhere from a half to two-thirds of  
5 the State's population is here and the target is to  
6 get the North Slope gas there. This was the logical  
7 way to work this part of the problem. I would be  
8 happy to talk with you later, if you like.

9 MS. PRITCHARD: On the sign up sheets  
10 we've asked people whether or not they would like to  
11 speak and Mr. Close you are the person that signed  
12 up.

13 MR. CLOSE: Out of the whole group, I'm  
14 the only one?

15 MS. PRITCHARD: You're the only one so  
16 far.

17 MR. CLOSE: My name is Rex Close. I'm  
18 speaking for myself not as a community council. I  
19 want to make that real clear. My concern on the  
20 pipeline is I think it's going to go, eventually. I  
21 think it's a project whose time has come. My problem  
22 is the corridor.

23 My understanding is I think it's a  
24 200-foot construction corridor and then will be  
25 narrowed down to a maintenance road and so on and so

1 forth. I would like to see that the maintenance road  
 2 is gated or barricaded so that vehicle traffic cannot  
 3 take over in a back-country mode. Snow machines and  
 4 four wheelers are certainly going to be able to  
 5 access this, but I would like see it gated somehow so  
 6 that it doesn't turn into a back country highway.  
 7 That is my only concern at this point, but I would  
 8 reserve time later on possibly.

9 MS. PRITCHARD: Sure. Thank you. Is  
 10 there anybody else who would like to offer comments?

11 MR. BRENDEN: My name is Rick Brenden from  
 12 Glacier View. I just want to support most of what  
 13 Rex said about the back-country access. Most of my  
 14 interests have been with my Chickaloon friends and  
 15 you know where they come from. There is already  
 16 access in the back country through most of that route  
 17 but what a lot of them don't want to see is that turn  
 18 into access through or too close to their own  
 19 communities or private properties. Provide access in  
 20 and off of that and not make any new access that it  
 21 isn't already there.

22 That route covers snow machines, four  
 23 wheelers and horse trails that have been there for a  
 24 long time, so it's not like they are opening up a new  
 25 route. They want to be careful where access into

1 those areas are and not have stampedes coming through  
 2 Chickaloon or Sutton or anybody else's. That's  
 3 pretty much all I wanted to say. -

4 MS. PRITCHARD: Thank you, very much. Is  
 5 there anybody else? What we have done in the other  
 6 hearings is a lot times people don't want to actually  
 7 give an opinion, but they have questions. So it's  
 8 kind of an odd way to have a hearing, but we'll open  
 9 it up for questions if anybody has questions. Harold  
 10 and I will be glad to answer them.

11 (Discussion period begins.)

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 2 State of Alaska, do hereby certify that:

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 10 but the truth; and

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 12 record of the testimony given by the witness.

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 21 My commission expires  
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 2 Annie Johnson

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