

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

Public Hearing  
March 21, 2006  
Commencing at 12:00 p.m.  
Lake Louise Lodge  
Lake Louise, Alaska  
Pages 1-8 inclusive

Staff in Attendance:

Janetta Pritchard: Project Manager, DNR  
Debbie Whethem

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1 PROCEEDINGS  
 2 MS. PRITCHARD: My name is Janetta  
 3 Pritchard and I'm with the Department of Natural  
 4 Resources. The purpose of this hearing is to get  
 5 public comment on the Commissioner's analysis. We  
 6 have been giving people three minutes to speak and  
 7 then if you have something you would like to add, if  
 8 there's time you can come back up.  
 9 The comment period deadline is 5:00 p.m.  
 10 April 24. Comments can be sent by snail mail in  
 11 writing or you can fax them to me. My cards are on  
 12 the table with my address and fax number on them.  
 13 Are there any questions before we start?  
 14 Victoria, did you want to start?  
 15 MS. PAULSON: My name is Victoria Paulson  
 16 and I'm an innkeeper at the Point Lodge on Lake  
 17 Louise. In truth this won't be testimony. I always  
 18 put a question mark down because I think sometimes  
 19 the inspiration I get from the information will leave  
 20 that opportunity open.  
 21 But I do want to express my appreciation  
 22 for walking all us through this. I think that's a  
 23 constructive exercise on you're part. I was confused  
 24 by "25 plans" that are required and not seeing  
 25 anywhere where public input is part of the process.

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1 I have to be honest, I don't know the law  
 2 and I need to go find out if you're required to  
 3 solicit that kind of public information: I think  
 4 it's very valuable for us to have that opportunity  
 5 and as the gentleman has already stated, it's  
 6 valuable for you as well.  
 7 But you made the statement and I believe  
 8 it was you that with all the information of the plans  
 9 themselves, given that information fulfillment, there  
 10 is a 99 percent likelihood that this project would go  
 11 through? Then why are we here? Because we could say  
 12 no-way-jose and it wouldn't matter because you're  
 13 only looking for the information in the plans.  
 14 MS. PRITCHARD: I will respond to that  
 15 because I believe I misled. And no, this is your  
 16 opportunity to change minds. This is your  
 17 opportunity to come back to my department and to say  
 18 no, there are problems with this proposal and we are  
 19 concerned about re-vegetation or we have concerns  
 20 about habitat. This is your opportunity to give us  
 21 input. And although the public comment period on the  
 22 commissioner's analysis ends April 24, that just  
 23 means that then we start working on a final decision.  
 24 It's very important to get your comments  
 25 in before then. One of things that will have to

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1 happen with ANGDA is that they have to get approval  
 2 and there are a number of permits that they will  
 3 still need from the Department after they receive  
 4 this conditionally. And those permits will have to  
 5 go through the public process also. So this isn't  
 6 like the only crack you get at it. There will be  
 7 many more and we do try to keep our website updated.  
 8 We have a very good web master and we try to keep it  
 9 updated.  
 10 MS. PAULSON: I appreciate your response  
 11 and I'm going to try to send something to you before  
 12 the 24th. This just sets the stage. Thank you.  
 13 MS. PRITCHARD: Let me give you a direct  
 14 fax line and that goes right into my computer. Sara  
 15 Owens, you didn't say whether or not you wanted to  
 16 speak?  
 17 MS. OWENS: That was me.  
 18 MS. PRITCHARD: Do you want to say  
 19 anything on the record Sara?  
 20 MS. OWENS: I just think it's an excellent  
 21 idea.  
 22 MS. PRITCHARD: Thank you. Gary Howard?  
 23 MR. HOWARD: I will submit my comments in  
 24 writing.  
 25 MS. PRITCHARD: Okay. Jane Brown?

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1 MS. BROWN: My name is Jane Brown and I  
 2 reside at mile 116 on the Richardson Highway. I  
 3 missed the meeting and testimony last night so I  
 4 apologize to people who live at Lake Louise that I'm  
 5 usurping on your time.  
 6 I support the proposed ANGDA's conditional  
 7 right-of-way lease only if gas will be used to fuel  
 8 Copper Valley Electric Power generation. I would not  
 9 support another pipeline through the Copper Basin  
 10 that will not use the resource for the benefit of the  
 11 residents, like Taps, because we have the pipeline  
 12 running through and we pay \$2.70 a gallon at the  
 13 pump. It's like a quater of a mile from the  
 14 pipeline.  
 15 I would urge the State to provide funding  
 16 and technical resources needed to use this gas for  
 17 Alaskans who are not recipients of P.C.E. and not  
 18 part of the railbelt energy system.  
 19 Since this gas is primarily going to be  
 20 transferred to benefit Anchorage consumers who have  
 21 had benefit of State energy subsidies, it would be  
 22 only be fair to financially support the transfer of  
 23 power generation from diesel to gas and to support  
 24 spurlines to small communities like Lake Louise.  
 25 And I would like to thank group for a very

1 concise explanation of the project prior to this  
 2 meeting. Thank you.  
 3 MS. PRITCHARD: Thank you very much. Jean  
 4 Holt?  
 5 MS. HOLT: My name is Jean Holt and I  
 6 reside in Palmer, but I have a cabin up here. I'm  
 7 very pleased with the presentation that the director  
 8 of the proposed a gas line and DNR. I am concerned  
 9 with the plans that will coming in the hopefully in  
 10 the near future and be able to have a clear outline  
 11 of water quality and streams.  
 12 And whoever the consultant is, that they  
 13 be able to go out and reach out to the public for  
 14 some hearings on this because in the past it's been  
 15 kind of if-y sometimes on things dealing with the  
 16 Matsu Borough and such, when it gets in to  
 17 consultants and how they are going to present it to  
 18 the public. And that is where my concern is, the  
 19 plans that are going to be through the consultant and  
 20 then to the people. But thank you for the  
 21 presentation and the opportunity to come out to Lake  
 22 Louise.  
 23 MS. PRITCHARD: Beverly, would you like to  
 24 come up?  
 25 MS. MATTHEWS: My name is Bev Matthews. I

1 CERTIFICATE  
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 3 I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the  
 4 State of Alaska, do hereby certify that:  
 5 I am not a relative or employee or attorney or  
 6 counsel of any of the parties to said action, or a relative  
 7 of employee of any such attorney or counsel, and that I am  
 8 not financially interested in the said action or the  
 9 outcome thereof;  
 10 The witness, before examination, was by me duly  
 11 sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
 12 but the truth; and  
 13 The deposition, as transcribed, is a true  
 14 record of the testimony given by the witness.  
 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
 16 and affixed my official seal this 22nd day of April, 2006.  
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 20 PATTA K. JOHNSON  
 My commission expires  
 21 07/04/08  
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1 am president of the Lake Louise Community Profit  
 2 Group. We are a group of about 300 people, our an  
 3 annual meeting is in July and we do news letters  
 4 during with year, so we would be a good source to get  
 5 information out if you had it for us.  
 6 Personally, I'm very much in favor of this  
 7 project, but I can't speak for the group.  
 8 MS. PRITCHARD: And we can send  
 9 information to this address?  
 10 MS. MATTHEWS: Yes. Thank you very much.  
 11 MS. PRITCHARD: Okay. There is nobody  
 12 else listed. Is there anybody that would like to  
 13 come up anyways? Going once, going twice -- no? I  
 14 thank each and every one of you for coming. I can't  
 15 tell you how glad I'm about the turnout here. This  
 16 is fabulous. I actually thought this would be one of  
 17 the smaller ones, but good for you guys; you beat the  
 18 record so far.  
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