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July 20, 2006

Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Kelliher:

I am Chairman of the Alaska State Legislature's Senate Special Committee on Natural Gas Development. We request that the Commission make available appropriate staff members to speak to our committee about the general topics enumerated below. I understand that the Commission has already been contacted by a representative of Governor Murkowski about testifying and I am authorized to state that his Administration joins in this request.

By way of background, let me explain that our Committee has held several weeks of hearings concerning Governor Murkowski's proposed Fiscal Contract and related issues. We have heard testimony on various FERC issues from the State's representatives, North Slope producer representatives, and independent consultants to the Alaska Legislature. We have also received and appreciate the Commission's Second Report to Congress on Progress Made in Licensing and Constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline.

Ideally, we would hear from the FERC on the morning of July 25, starting at 9 AM Alaska Time. The testimony could be presented telephonically. We hope that the Commission's representatives would be available to answer questions on the following topics:

- 1) The subject matter of the Commission's July 10 Report to Congress;
- 2) The Commission's pre-filing and application process;
- 3) The Commission's powers to ensure access to capacity on the pipeline for shippers and prospective shippers not affiliated with the owners of the pipeline;

4) The Commission's review of competition issues as part of its processing of a certificate application;

5) The Commission's enforcement powers and procedures with respect to affiliate relationships in a producer owned Alaska gas pipeline, including the response time of the Enforcement Hotline;

6) The Commission's review, if any, of the operations of a certificate pipeline for anticompetitive behavior, including the concept of basin control.

Please feel free to call me at 907-388-8454 or Bob Loeffler, the State's counsel, at 202-887-1506. We appreciate the Commission's willingness to provide information to the Alaska Legislature and the public on FERC's relationship to an Alaska Gas Pipeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph C. Seekins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Senator Ralph C. Seekins  
Serving District "D"  
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cc: Mark Robinson, FERC  
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