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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 888 First Street NE, Room 1A
 Washington, DC 20426
Project Docket # CP17-178-000

Submitted electronically

Dear Ms. Bose,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce believes that the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation's (AGDC) AK LNG Project is acceptable and appropriate, as proposed in FERC's recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Developing and bringing to market Alaska's extensive northern reserves of natural gas has been talked about and broadly desired by many Alaskan citizens for over 50 years. The challenges are substantial and include the high cost of doing business on the North Slope; the lack of essential infrastructure to bring Alaska's gas to market (via pipeline, liquefaction and LNG shipping); fiscal uncertainty with regard to commodity pricing; taxes and royalties and credibly reaching the difficult decision point where a carefully conceptualized and evaluated "AK LNG Project" is found to be environmentally acceptable under the federal NEPA process. Despite these obstacles, we believe the AK LNG project is a viable option to increase access to lower-cost energy in Fairbanks.

Given that AGDC has agreed that it will implement best management practices, while following modern avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures, and comply with the various requirements regularly applied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, the National Park Service (for the Denali Alternative, if selected) and FERC's rigorous environmental and construction inspection programs, it is indeed anticipated that the undeniable environmental impacts caused by this project would be significant, but in balance with the substantial benefits derived from the Project's 30-year life. Some examples of these desirable benefits are:

- The DEIS states that project construction would result in economic benefits and business opportunities throughout Alaska from worker spending, purchases of materials and services (pages 4-602 and 4-605), supplies and payment of state and local taxes.

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- The ongoing operations jobs both along the pipeline and on the North Slope, in Nikiski and Anchorage would gird and sustain our existing oil and gas industry.
- Construction of this large natural gas pipeline and several off-take laterals, would supply most Alaskans with access to natural gas and clearly improve air quality (Volume 3, page 4-877), while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing the burning of wood and coal for space heat and electric power generation.
- For the greater Fairbanks/North Pole area this access to reasonably priced natural gas, via a 34+ mile lateral pipeline, would spur increases in the use of our Interior Gas Utility piped mainlines and substantially aid in the required PM-2.5 decreases now demanded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- We continue to advocate for a pricing methodology that includes the cost of the lateral pipeline in the overall project plan. Further, the in-state natural gas price should not include the liquefaction costs in prices or hook-up fees. Finally, in contrast to export markets, in-state natural gas prices should reflect Alaska's proximity to the source of the LNG. We urge AGDC to use consistent pricing across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AK LNG Project. We look forward to the completion of the EIS, and opportunity for Alaska to move ahead with final design and construction of this project, if – as the future unfolds – it is determined to be economically viable.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business environment, promote economic strength and growth for Interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

Respectfully,

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President/CEO

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Rebecca Dean
Board Chair