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Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: September Progress Report on the Alaska Stand Alone Gas Pipeline/**ASAP**

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature:

The Alaska Stand Alone Gas Pipeline/**ASAP** (ASAP) submits the following September monthly progress report on the ASAP project for legislative consideration and review.

### **Environmental Impact Statement**

ASAP engineering and environmental teams met with the U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) to discuss the USACE organizational changes and slip in schedule for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). USACE has named Mary Romero, POA as the new Project Manager for the ASAP project; she was introduced to the team and will take over responsibility for overseeing the project in October. Ben Soiseth, current USACE Project Manager has been on the project since June; he has accepted a promotion and will be returning to Fairbanks to accept new responsibilities. ASAP has had three USACE Project Managers since May. The possible impact was discussed and USACE will dedicate effort to ensuring a smooth transition and reducing impact on the project schedule.

Early in 2011, USACE screened out a longer route through Fairbanks, determining that the route is not practicable, therefore it was not considered as an alternative for the Section 404 Permit. In August, the USACE advised that the earlier determination was sufficient for the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) requirements, but more comprehensive information is required to make a determination that is consistent with the Section 404 Permit requirements. The ASAP project is in the process of producing further analysis for USACE's consideration. ASAP personnel have conducted more wetlands analysis on the Fairbanks route variation and that information will be submitted to the USACE for consideration by mid-October.

### **FEL 2 progress**

Planning on the ownership model for the ASAP Project continued in September with the commercial and project management groups discussing the possible models and the impact of

those models on project planning, project schedule and project financing. Planning for these functions includes meetings and consultations with contractors, engineers, and project staff.

Field work included permitting activity for three air monitoring stations to be installed at the following locations: Point MacKenzie, one on private property near Manley Siding, and one at Dunbar. Permitting is in progress for October borehole drilling in the Denali Borough and later drilling in the Nenana area. 125 miles of pedestrian cultural survey work was conducted between the pipeline terminus and Clear Air Force Base. Additional cultural work was conducted along the Fairbanks Lateral and in the Minto Flats area.

The Project team is reviewing the need for new office space to accommodate the growth and expansion to fulfill the work as specified in FEL 2 of the Project Plan. Current office space is on a month-to-month lease and will be terminated as soon as the appropriate location is secured.

As stated in the ASAP Project Plan, staff build-up in FEL 2 is required to perform the work associated with the ASAP project. ASAP has named Jamilia George to a key position within the organization; Jamilia George joined the ASAP Project team as Director Administrative Services. In her new role Jamilia will oversee many administrative functional areas to include administrative support for all areas, technical writer, facilities lead, human resources support, IT/IS manager, document control/administrative record, and GIS. Jamilia may be reached at (907) 277.4488 or by email at [jgeorge@ahfc.us](mailto:jgeorge@ahfc.us). AGDC has also hired Dave Harbour as the Director of External Affairs to oversee all aspects of communication for the project. Mr. Harbour may be reached at [dharbour@ahfc.us](mailto:dharbour@ahfc.us) or by calling (907)277.4488.

### **Project Outreach**

Stakeholder outreach in September included the following meetings and public presentations.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Fauske was a panelist at the "Alaska's Gas: What's Next?" forum at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. Other Panelists included U.S. Senator Mark Begich by phone, State Senator Liesl McGuire, State Representative Cherrisse Millett, Cathy Foreste, Frank Richards, Bill Walker, and Commissioner Dan Sullivan.

Project staff presented ASAP updates during community meetings in Cantwell on September 13, and Trapper Creek/Talkeetna on September 14 and Healy on September 20<sup>th</sup>. September 21<sup>st</sup> Dave Haugen delivered a presentation to the Alaska Support Industry Alliance Industry Update Forum at the Wedgewood Hotel in Fairbanks. His presentation covered the staging and the planning involved in megaprojects. Dan Fauske and Dave Haugen presented information on the ASAP project and megaproject planning and staging at the Annual Alaska Oil and Gas Congress held in Anchorage September 19<sup>th</sup> through September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Joe Dubler presented a project update to the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce at their annual conference in Talkeetna on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The general sense from public meetings suggests interest and support for the ASAP project.

Other ASAP project meetings included regulatory meetings with numerous state and federal agencies including the USACE and PHMSA.

The project team sincerely appreciates the legislative oversight and interest in the work conducted by the ASAP project team. The project team is committed to providing updates and education on the project as we move forward into FEL 2 of the ASAP project work. If there are any questions regarding the information presented in this report, please call 907.277.4488.

Respectfully submitted,



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