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The Alaska Trucking Association (ATA) is a state wide organization representing trucking interests from Barrow to Ketchikan. Our more than 200 members represent all of the diverse trucking operations in the state and many associate members who provide goods and services to our industry.

The ATA is writing to express support for the 2009-2011 Cook Inlet LNG Export Extension Application filed jointly by ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company. ATA also strongly supports the continued use of Cook Inlet natural gas by all industrial consumers, including Agrium, BP, and Tesoro Alaska.

Two independent third-party studies have indicated the natural gas resource base in Cook Inlet is sufficient to meet local utility demand, in-state commercial uses, and the proposed export of 99 Bcf over the two years of this extension. Allowing the free market to work on distribution of the excess natural gas, especially in a stranded market, is therefore imperative to encourage future exploration.

The industrial facilities in Cook Inlet, including the LNG facility, support a number of good-paying jobs, both directly and indirectly. These jobs contribute to the local economy and help provide a good tax base for the Kenai Peninsula. In addition, these facilities contribute significant dollars to the state general fund revenues through both royalties and taxes.

Again, the Alaska Trucking Association supports the 2009-2011 Cook Inlet LNG Export Extension Application filed jointly by ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company.

Sincerely,



Aves D. Thompson  
Executive Director



*If you got it, a truck brought it...*