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Re: ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil Export Permit

Mr. Anderson:

I am writing in support of the letter you received from some members of the Alaska Legislature (see attached). As they have covered the most salient points, I can only add that I feel the people of Alaska deserve a fair shake. We are told we will not have enough natural gas in future years to meet all of the demands. As our winters are very harsh, this could become a major problem.

I hope that you will consider all options in making your decision regarding the export of natural gas by ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil.

Thank You,

Kendy F. Lykins

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July 8, 2010

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are writing to submit comments on the June 8, 2010, application from ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company for authorization to export natural gas from Alaska to foreign countries (FE docket number 10-63-LNG).

As you know, Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act requires that any export of gas from the U.S. to a foreign country must be "consistent with the public interest." The primary factor to be considered when making this determination is whether there is regional need for the gas.

While we support the export of gas from Alaska for many reasons – including the jobs it creates, the storage capacity the LNG plant provides for utilities during the peak winter seasons, and the support it offers to the possible construction of a gas-line from Alaska's North Slope – we cannot support overseas export of Alaska's gas until local needs for gas have been fully met through signed contracts with gas producers. Such a requirement is eminently reasonable and achievable.

While the application from ConocoPhillips and Marathon states on page 12 that existing gas contracts with utilities will "satisfy virtually all of the utilities' natural gas needs through the term of the requests blanket authorization," this is not true.

The local gas company which serves roughly half of Alaska's population is short about .9 billion cubic feet of gas in 2011 and 1.1 billion cubic feet in 2012. Then, in the first quarter of 2013, more than one-third of the region's need is unmet, leaving families and businesses in Southcentral Alaska in a perilous position. This is not acceptable.

We have recently written to the president of ConocoPhillips Alaska, urging him to help ensure that his company – as the largest producer of oil and gas in Alaska – acts expeditiously to meet regional gas needs before proceeding further with a request to export gas overseas. Supplies of natural gas from Cook Inlet are dwindling and local consumers must be taken care of before additional supplies are exported.

We hope you will take action to help ensure this is the case.

Sincerely,



Senator Bill Wielechowski



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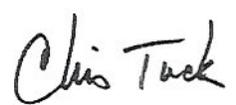
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