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Re: FE Docket No. 07-02-LNG; ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corp. and Marathon Oil Co. Application for Blanket Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas

Dear Ms. Moore:

I am writing in support of the State of Alaska's request for a trial-type hearing in the above referenced matter. As the State has pointed out in its Motion to Intervene and Request for Additional Procedures, natural gas from Cook Inlet provides essential electricity and space heating service to 76 percent of Alaska's population. As such, DOE's decision on the Applicants' request for a blanket authorization to export Liquefied Natural Gas from Cook Inlet will have a tremendous impact on Alaska energy consumers. At the same time the export of LNG has been a significant source of jobs and economic activity for nearly four decades.

It is apparent from the comments filed by numerous intervenors in this matter and by the Applicants' response to those comments that DOE will need to resolve substantial issues of fact regarding the supply of and demand for natural gas in the Cook Inlet region in order to rule on this application. Scheduling a trial-type hearing, as requested by the State, will ensure that all of the relevant facts are thoroughly evaluated and an appropriate decision is reached. I urge you to grant the State's request for such a hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lisa Murkowski,
U.S. Senator, Alaska

cc: Samuel Bodman, Secretary of the Department of Energy

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MESSAGE:

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