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Mr. Robert Corbin
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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Oil & Gas
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Room 3E-042
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Kenai LNG extension

Dear Mr. Corbin,

I support the two year license extension from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011.

ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil have offered to defer exporting LNG if the gas is needed for the local utility market and as such are responsible corporate citizens here in Alaska. This option allows the excess supply to be utilized and provides a necessary backup during cold snaps for the local utility customers. It also avoids the costly and potentially damaging process if the gas wells were shut in. These two companies are well respected members of the community and provide many jobs in the Kenai area, as well as the rest of Southcentral Alaska. ConocoPhillips is a major producer on the North Slope of Alaska.

Alaskans are looking forward to the highly anticipated Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline in whatever form. Our legislature is reviewing a proposal by the recently elected Governor Palin. When this gas pipeline is completed, the United States will be much farther along toward the goal of energy independence. In the meantime, it is necessary to properly manage the gas resource we currently have access to on the Kenai Peninsula. Keep the Kenai LNG facility open.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,