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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Submits its Fourth Report to Congress on the Status of Alaska Gas Pipeline Proposals

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today submitted its "Fourth Report to Congress on the Progress Made in Licensing and Constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline," as required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

In the 13-page document, the Commission recognizes the success to date by the State of Alaska in enacting the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) and in implementing the request for applications (RFA).

Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher said, "I commend the progress the State of Alaska has made under the leadership of Governor Sarah Palin in recent months. I am hopeful the new state process will encourage the development of a natural gas pipeline project in Alaska. The Commission stands ready to act on proposals to develop an Alaska natural gas pipeline."

The Report states that since the Third Report was submitted to Congress on January 31, 2007:

- * the State of Alaska has enacted and begun to implement its Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA);
- * the U.S. Court of Appeals, DC Circuit upheld the Commission's open season regulations;
- * the Federal Coordinator has been active in discussions with project stakeholders;
- * the U.S. Department of Labor has issued a grant to the state for pipeline worker training;
- * FERC Commissioners and Staff continue to prepare for the filing of any applications for an Alaskan gas pipeline; and
- * FERC Staff has toured potential routes of the pipeline.

FERC's Fourth Report to Congress, along with the three previous status reports, is accessible on the FERC website, at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/indus-act/angtp/reports.asp>.

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