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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
Alaska LNG Project
Docket No. CP17-178-000
§ 375.308(x)

February 15, 2018

Mr. Frank Richards
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
Calais Building One
3201 C Street, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Re: Environmental Data Request

Dear Mr. Richards:

The information described in the enclosure is necessary to continue our analysis of the above-referenced application by the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) for the Alaska LNG Project (Project). This enclosure includes several requests for information that have been made multiple times during the pre-filing review phase, as well as in the current application review, for which an adequate response has not yet been received. Requests for information based on our review of new information provided by AGDC since the application was filed (i.e., in supplemental filings and responses to previous data requests) and recent stakeholder comments are also included in the enclosure. In addition, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) staff anticipates additional data requests on the safety, reliability, and engineering design, including questions regarding compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) federal regulations in consultation with the DOT and USCG.

In your previous responses to requests for study results, AGDC has stated that because these studies are not required by the state or other entities, AGDC will not provide the information (e.g., sediment modeling, health impact assessment, etc.). I remind you that FERC's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act require applications filed under the Natural Gas Act to include the information identified in Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 380.12 and Appendix A of Part 380. In addition, pursuant to 18 CFR 380.3(b)(2) applicants must conduct any studies or provide any information that the Commission staff considers

necessary or relevant to determine the impact of the proposal on the human environment and natural resources. Per these regulations, I am informing you that any response from AGDC that states, “the information is not required by the state or other agency and will not be provided” will be considered incomplete and reissued. Incomplete responses and the reissuances of requests for information will affect the schedule for completing the environmental review.

Certain requests ask for studies to be completed and provided, or information on the specific avoidance and mitigation measures that may be implemented by AGDC for the various proposed construction-related activities. Rather than providing specific avoidance and mitigation measures to be adopted or describing potential considerations if the construction schedule cannot be maintained, AGDC has deferred providing information to future plans or the permitting phase (e.g., through Alaska Department of Fish & Game Fish Habitat permit application or other processes). It is imperative that the information provided in AGDC’s responses include definitive commitments to implement specific avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. Incomplete information or ill-defined commitments by AGDC may compromise our ability to adequately assess and disclose the full impact of the Project.

You should file a complete response within 20 days of the date of this letter.

The response must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

If certain information cannot be provided within this timeframe, please indicate which items will be delayed and provide a projected filing date. **You should be aware that the information described in the enclosure is necessary for us to continue preparation of the draft environmental impact statement.**

File your response in accordance with the provisions of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. In particular, 18 CFR 385.2010 (Rule 2010) requires that you serve a copy of the response to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding. In addition, file all responses under oath (18 CFR 385.2005) by an authorized AGDC representative and include the name, position, and telephone number of the respondent to each item.

When filing documents and maps, be sure to prepare separate volumes as outlined on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/filing-guide/file-ceii.asp> and <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/labeling-guidance.pdf> for labeling controlled unclassified information (CUI). Critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) (e.g., plot plans showing equipment or piping details) and privileged information (PRIV) (e.g., cultural resources material containing location, character, or ownership

information) are considered CUI. This information should be filed as non-public and labeled as: “**CUI//CEII– DO NOT RELEASE**” (18 CFR 388.113), “**CUI//PRIV – DO NOT RELEASE**” (18 CFR 388.112), and as otherwise appropriate with other statutes for labeling CUI (e.g., “**CUI//CEII/SSI – DO NOT RELEASE**”). All CUI should be filed separately from the remaining information, which should be marked “**Public.**”

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-8045. For all materials submitted, in addition to the copies filed with the Secretary of the Commission, please provide an electronic and hard copy directly to our third-party environmental contractor, Environmental Resources Management, to the attention of Jennifer Lee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Martin".

James Martin
Branch Chief
Gas Branch 3

Enclosure

cc: Public File, Docket No. CP17-178-000 (without attachment C of the enclosure)