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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 343

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A  
TRANS-ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE.

WHEREAS, there are known reserves of natural gas located in the Prudhoe Bay field estimated at 26 trillion cubic feet plus additional speculative reserves in other areas of the North Slope of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the United States will experience serious shortages of natural gas which will affect household consumers and their quality of life as well as industrial users and the state of the economy, and

WHEREAS, two alternate routes are proposed for transmission of Alaska's natural gas to national markets one of which is the Alaska Arctic Gas Company pipeline across part of Alaska and through Canada with the other being the El Paso Alaska Company proposal to build a trans-Alaska pipeline from the North Slope to a point on the Alaska south coast where gas would be liquified and placed aboard tankers for shipment to markets, and

WHEREAS, a trans-Alaska pipeline appears to be the best method of delivery of Alaska's natural gas to the nation's markets as opposed to a route that lies primarily in Canada for the following reasons:

1. It would provide a reliable source of energy through a transmission system not subject to foreign regulation, restriction, taxation and other control or influence.

2. Because the trans-Alaska pipeline is shorter and will utilize the existing crude oil trans-Alaska pipeline corridor to the maximum extent possible, it should require a shorter planning, design and construction period, have less adverse environmental impact, and be less costly.

3. It would provide substantial employment for United States residents during construction and after construction for operation and maintenance of the pipeline and related facilities.

4. It would stimulate the United States ship-building industry to meet the demand of transportation of liquified gas by tankers.

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5. It would create additional employment within Alaska to furnish project support services.

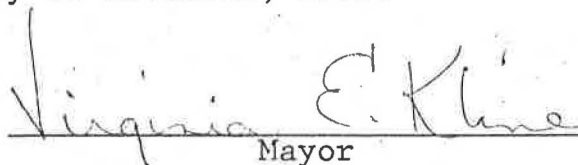
6. It would provide a clean source of energy to residents and industries within the State of Alaska not available if a Canadian routing were adopted.

7. It could provide the State of Alaska control of its royalty natural gas for sales, exchanges or other disposition in ways calculated to promote private economic growth and a permanent tax base such as development of a petrochemical facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

That it endorses a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline as the best routing for proper management of this vital energy source.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 1975.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Clerk