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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3
The Applicants¹
Alaska LNG Project
Docket No. PF14-21-000

Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request

Dear Mr. Kominas:

Thank you for your letter, filed September 5, 2014 and supplemented September 8, 2014, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for the planned Alaska LNG Project. We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, the Applicants plan to construct one integrated liquefied natural gas (LNG) project with interdependent facilities for the purpose of liquefying supplies of natural gas from Alaska, in particular the Point Thomson Unit and Prudhoe Bay Unit production fields on the Alaska North Slope, for export in foreign commerce. The project consists of an 800-mile-long gas pipeline from a new gas treatment plant on the North Slope to a new LNG export terminal near Nikiski, Alaska. The pipeline would transport about 3.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of natural gas, providing North Slope gas to Alaskans at a minimum of five points along the route for in-state use, and ultimately to the LNG export terminal that would have an export capacity equivalent to about 3.0 Bcf/d.

Your letter also stated that the Applicants intend to file an application no later than September 2016. When the Applicants file the application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on our success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is

¹The Applicants consist of the following: ExxonMobil Alaska LNG LLC, ConocoPhillips Alaska LNG Company, BP Alaska LNG LLC, TransCanada Alaska Midstream LP, and the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation.

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ready for processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act documentation. We have selected Natural Resource Group, LLC (NRG) as the third-party contractor to work under the direct supervision and control of the Commission staff. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with NRG so work may begin as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, James Martin, at (202) 502-8045.

Sincerely,

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