Ready, Engaged and Leading: Canada & the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline Project

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Outline

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**Project: Challenges**

- Commercial uncertainty
- Project the *same*…
  - Purpose
  - Footprint
  - Scope
- But -- context *different*…
  - Technology
  - Environmental expectations
  - Society’s values
  - New market pressures
Canada: Ready

- **Existing Instruments**
  - Treaty, Act & Certificates
  - Yukon easement

- **Experienced Regulator**
  - Pre-Build/Stage 1 (1982)
  - Environmental assessment, 750 terms and conditions

- **Efficient Framework**
  - Single window model
Ready: Regulatory Framework

Issue: How to address data & information over 30 years?

Use:
- Existing NPA legal model
- Staged process:
  - public review
  - regulatory decisions
Canada: Engaged

- Diverse players
  - Industry
  - Public
- Government partners
  - First Nations
  - Yukon & British Columbia
  - United States & Alaska
Engaged: First Nations

- Moral and legal obligation to consult
- Relationship building along pipeline corridor
- Secure benefits & economic/social opportunities
- Integrate **Traditional Knowledge** in regulatory decision-making
- Build capacity for long-term community growth & self-sufficiency
Engaged: United States & Alaska

- Longstanding Treaty & relationship
- Inextricably linked markets
  - $1.6 B of goods & services every day
  - Closest energy relationship in the world
  - Common energy market
- Shared values
  - Open markets
  - Environmental protection
  - Economic growth
Canada: Leading

- Streamline pipeline regulation
- Invoke modern business practices
- Secure tangible outcomes
Leading: Outcomes

- Meet/exceed modern environmental & social economic standards
- Respect existing federal approvals
- Safe pipeline design/construction
- Maximum socio-economic benefit
- Duty to consult Aboriginal People is met
- Public engagement achieved
Next Steps: What’s Ahead?

- On-going preparations:
  - Regulatory process
  - Aboriginal consultations
  - International collaboration
  - Agency modernization

- Goal:
  - “unleash our natural resource advantage”
Northern Pipeline Agency (NPA)

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