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The Honorable Ben Grussendorf, Speaker Alaska State House of Representatives Pouch V Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Speaker Grussendorf:

Attached for your information is a recently completed update of Cook Inlat Dil and Gas data prepared by the Division of Oil and Gas. This information updates figures in the Historical and Projected Oil and Gas Consumption report, which was submitted to you in January, 1985.

Total remaining Cook Inlet gas reserves were previously estimated to be 3.26 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) as of January 1, 1984. The revised estimate of Cook Inlet reserves is 4.46 Tcf as of January 1, 1985.

Inclusion of additional gas reserves from the Grayling gas sands (Trading Bay Unit) and incorporation of gas reserves from the Stump Lake Units, Cannery Loop Unit, and Pretty Creek Unit were primarily responsible for the increase in gas reserves.

Assuming current use patterns are maintained, we estimate that cumulative use of natural gas from Cook Inlet fields will be 3.3 Tof between 1985 and 1999. Thus, it appears that there are sufficient gas reserves to meet projected needs in the railbelt for more than 15 years.

An estimate of state royalty oil available from Cock Inlet fields is also attached.

If you have questions about this information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Esther C. Wunnicke

Commissioner

Attachments as stated

cc: Mambers of the House of Representatives

## COOK INLET GAS RESERVES \* (Billions of Cubic Feet)

<u>FIFLD</u>	REMAINING RECOVERABLE GAS (as of Jan. 1, 1985)	
Kenai	850	17
North Cook Inlet	650	81
Beluga River	600	60
Swanson River	260	0
Cannery Loop	300	9 9
McArthur River & Trading Bay	y 650°	81
Beaver Creek	230	٥
Cook Inlet Associated Gas	60	7
Ivan River - Lewis River - Pretty Creek - Stump Lake	e 60 <b>0</b>	<b>75</b>
Other	63	<b>8</b> 1 2 3 4
Totals	4463	338

<sup>\*</sup> Department of Natural Resources Division of Dil and Gas Updated Harch 1985

## AVAJUABILITY OF COOK INLET ROYALTY OIL

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J#35	5935
1986	5032
1987	4290
1988	3645
1989	30 <b>97</b>
1990	2645
1991	2226
1992	1903
1993	1613
1994	1387
1995	1181

## (1) As of January 1 of each year

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