

1 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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3 Alaska LNG Project

4 Docket No. CP17-178-000

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6 Public Meeting

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8 Monday, September 9, 2019

9 5:00 p.m.

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11 Trapper Creek Elementary School

12 6742 Petersville Road

13 Trapper Creek, AK 99683

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. PECONOM: Good evening. My name is John
3 Peconom. I am a Project Manager with the Federal Energy
4 Regulatory Commission. I am the Deputy Project Manager for
5 the Alaska LNG Project. On behalf of the Commission, I
6 would like to thank all of you for being here this evening.

7 Tonight's meeting is being recorded. A
8 transcript of tonight's meeting will be placed in the
9 Commission's publicly available administrative record and
10 will be available for download. The Commission's
11 administrative record can be accessed through the
12 Commission's website at www.ferc.gov. For additional
13 information on how to access our website and obtain a copy
14 of the transcript, please talk to one of the ladies in the
15 back.

16 Hard copies of the transcript can also be
17 purchased. Please see the gentleman here if you are
18 interested in purchasing a hard copy of the transcript. Let
19 the record show that today is September 9th, 2019 and that
20 the Alaska LNG DEIS Comment Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

21 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to receive
22 public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
23 for the Alaska LNG Project. The Alaska LNG Project involves
24 the construction and operation of new natural gas treatment
25 facilities on the north slope of Alaska, an approximately

1 800-mile long natural gas pipeline and associated
2 above-ground facilities spanning the State of Alaska to a
3 new LNG export terminal facility here on the Kenai
4 Peninsula.

5 Construction of the project will also require the
6 relocation of a portion of the Kenai Highway, and upgrades
7 to the City of Kenai Water System. The Draft Environmental
8 Impact Statement issued on June 28th, 2019 was independently
9 prepared by FERC staff in consultation and cooperation with
10 other federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land
11 Management, United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast
12 Guard, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine
13 Fishery Service and others to inform the Commission, the
14 public and permitted agencies about the potential adverse
15 and beneficial environmental impacts that would result from
16 constructing and operating the Alaska LNG Project.

17 In addition to a description of impacts, the
18 Draft Environmental Impact Statement contains an alternative
19 analysis, a cumulative impacts analysis, an impact
20 minimization and mitigation measures we are recommending to
21 the Commission to further avoid and reduce adverse impacts
22 on the environment.

23 In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, FERC
24 staff concludes that constructing and operating the project
25 would result in temporary, long-term and permanent impacts

1 on the environment. Most impacts would not be significant
2 or would be reduced to less than significant levels with the
3 implementation of proposed or recommended avoidance,
4 minimization and mitigation measures.

5 However, some impacts would be adverse and
6 significant. A summary of impacts described in the Draft
7 Environmental Impact Statement is available in the back.
8 The Draft and Final Impact Statement can also be accessed
9 through the Commission's website again, at www.ferc.gov.

10 The comments on the Draft EIS that you provide
11 here this evening, whether given verbally or provided to us
12 in writing, will be considered in the preparation of the
13 Final Environmental Impact Statement.

14 Your comments will ensure that the Final
15 Environmental Impact Statement, which we expect to issue in
16 March of 2020, will be considered by the Commission when
17 deciding this matter -- excuse me. Your comments will
18 ensure that the Final Environmental Impact Statement
19 considered by the Commission when deciding this matter,
20 accurately reflects the impact to the environment that would
21 result from the construction and operation of the project.

22 I would like to remind you that all comments --
23 verbal, written, and those filed electronically, are treated
24 equally. If you choose not to speak this evening, you may
25 submit written and/or electronic comments. Written comment

1 forms are available in the back. You may leave comments
2 with us tonight or send them to the Commission via U.S.
3 mail.

4 If you are providing written comments, be sure to
5 include the FERC Docket Number CP17-178-000. Comments
6 should be sent so that they arrive in Washington, D.C. by
7 October 3rd, 2019. Alternatively, you can send -- you can
8 submit electronic comments. Instructions are available at
9 the front.

10 Again, verbal, written and electronically filed
11 comments will be considered equally as we prepare the Final
12 Environmental Impact Statement. When your name is called,
13 please come up to the podium. Please speak directly into
14 the microphone, state your name clearly and spell it so that
15 your comments can be accurately recorded in the transcript.

16 If you are speaking on behalf of a group or an
17 organization, please identify the group's name.

18 MR. KOWALKE: My name is Randall Kowalke, that's
19 K-o-w-a-l-k-e. I'm currently on the Matsu Borough Port
20 Commission, previously the Matsu Borough Assembly. I am
21 here tonight representing only myself.

22 My comments regarding the project is I'm 100%
23 supportive of the project. Alaska needs this project. I've
24 been involved through one capacity or another in the
25 process, probably for the last four years, including the AK

1 LNG line when in fact, I was at a meeting for that project
2 in this facility.

3 So, I've been very much engaged, also attending
4 the Citizens Advisory group meetings. And the process is
5 working. The Borough had at some point, some difficulties
6 with some of the information that was included in the FERC
7 filings -- that's been worked on, being corrected.

8 Primarily, the mistakes made put our situation
9 such that the port couldn't have even been used for a
10 staging facility because they had it located in the mud
11 flats off some other direction and all that.

12 I think that's been cleared up now. Our concern
13 was that people in London, New York and Tokyo are following
14 this process and we wanted to be at least considered as a
15 viable commodity port for this project, whether we were
16 named as terminus or not.

17 And I'm fully supportive and have nothing really
18 further to add. Thank you.

19 (Whereupon the meeting concluded at 6:15 p.m.)
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1 CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL REPORTER

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3 This is to certify that the attached proceeding

4 before the FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION in the

5 Matter of:

6 Name of Proceeding: Alaska LNG Project

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18 were held as herein appears, and that this is the original

19 transcript thereof for the file of the Federal Energy

20 Regulatory Commission, and is a full correct transcription

21 of the proceedings.

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24 Larry Flowers

25 Official Reporter