

September 15, 2003

The Honorable Pete Kott
Speaker of the House
716 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 600
Anchorage, AK 99501

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
119 N. Cushman, Suite 101
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear Speaker Kott and President Therriault:


We respectfully request that you poll the members of the Alaska House of Representatives and Senate on whether to return to Juneau for a special session to address developments regarding Alaska's natural gas.

Alaska has waited too long to develop its natural gas resources. Both a natural gas pipeline to Valdez combined with a liquefied natural gas facility and a route through Canada mean jobs for Alaskans. Spur pipelines mean the overtaxed natural gas supplies in Anchorage could be bolstered, and Fairbanks and the Interior could plug in to this inexpensive, clean burning fuel source.

Sempra Energy's offer to purchase Alaska's North Slope natural gas deserves a quick, informed, and studied response; either an acceptance, rejection, or a counter offer. In addition, this is a critical time for the Alaska Legislature to convey to Congress its views on the federal energy bill, particularly future access and ownership issues. We hope that other offers and opportunities materialize and believe that we can structure a response to Sempra that accommodates these possibilities. We are of the firm conviction that the Legislature and the Governor will fail Alaska, if they fail to give this offer full and fair consideration. Developing our natural gas resources creates good jobs, closes the State's fiscal gap, and helps the nation solve its energy crisis by building this gas line.

We therefore request, pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the Alaska Constitution, as implemented by Alaska Statute 24.05.100, that you poll the members of the House and Senate respectively on convening a special session in Juneau before the first week in October to consider appropriations, legislation, or resolutions needed to expedite the sale of Alaska's natural gas.

Sincerely,


Representative Eric Croft