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Federal Coordinator Welcomes General Counsel

August 18, 2008, Washington, D.C. – The Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects (OFC) welcomes Joseph “Joe” Oglander to the position of General Counsel. In this position, he will serve as the OFC’s chief legal officer, advising the Federal Coordinator on policy and legal matters.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Oglander served as an attorney at the Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Civil Litigation/Environmental Law Division, where he advised the Air Force on compliance with the NEPA, water law, natural resources law and other federal environmental matters. Before serving at the Air Force, he worked on various water and land issues in the Department of the Interior’s Solicitors office and in the private sector at Van Ness Feldman, P.C.

“I am pleased to have a seasoned professional join my senior management team,” said Federal Coordinator Drue Pearce. “Joe has a broad range of experience that will serve the OFC well as we work with all the federal agencies, the State of Alaska, and the Canadian government to get an Alaska natural gas pipeline built.”

The mission of the OFC is to ensure that all activities by federal agencies related to the construction of a natural gas pipeline that will commercialize Alaska’s North Slope gas are expedited as well as ensuring compliance by those agencies with the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act (ANGPA) of 2004. Oglander will provide advice and guidance on matters relating to legislation or proposed legislation, implementation of the ANGPA and development of regulations and OFC policy. “There are two competing pipeline proposals and both proponents are aggressive. We will face any number of unique legal and policy questions over the coming months. I’m pleased to welcome Joe Oglander to my senior management team to provide advice at critical junctures,” said Pearce.

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