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Federal Coordinator Releases the First Phase Consolidated Federal Implementation Plan for Denali

June 10, 2009, Washington, D.C. – Drue Pearce, Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, released today the First Phase Consolidated Implementation Plan specific to Denali, a joint venture between ConocoPhillips and BP. Related to permitting the pipeline project, this first phase identifies 22 attention items and the roles of all the federal agencies involved in the project. The project Consolidated Implementation Plan (Plan) is part of the Federal Coordinator’s mandate to streamline the process of pipeline permitting for the major North American pipeline infrastructure project.

“The Obama administration, Congress and the State of Alaska recognize the importance of construction of a natural gas pipeline to transport Alaska natural gas to U.S. domestic markets. The commercialization of long stranded North Slope natural gas will increase America's energy security, create jobs, and assure the availability of a clean domestic fuel for many decades to come,” said Federal Coordinator Pearce.

“I am pleased to share this First Phase Consolidated Implementation Plan for the Denali project with the public. The Consolidated Implementation Plan, developed in collaboration with more than 20 federal agencies and Denali, serves as a tool to identify potential conflicts between agencies and opportunities for cooperation.”

The Office of the Federal Coordinator (OFC) is responsible for consolidating agency Implementation Plans for projects filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that propose to bring North Slope gas to the Lower 48 United States. These Plans will be written in phases. There will be additional phases during the FERC Pre-filing Process, FERC EIS process and construction, as necessary.

Denali entered the FERC Pre-Filing Process last year triggering the development of this First Phase Plan. TransCanada Alaska entered the FERC Pre-Filing Process on May 1, 2009. The OFC is now working on a separate First Phase Plan for the TransCanada Alaska project.

The Denali First Phase Consolidated Implementation Plan can be found on the OFC website at <http://www.arcticgas.gov/routes.htm>.

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