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ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE: CRITICAL TO THE DOMESTIC ENERGY & ECONOMIC PICTURE

WASHINGTON, DC -- Alaska's natural gas pipeline is a critical part of the national energy picture. It, along with other domestic sources of natural gas, ensures the domestic supply of natural gas is abundant.

"Alaska's natural gas pipeline will be part of the supply that the United States needs", according to Rod Lowman, President and CEO of America's Natural Gas Alliance. Lowman highlighted the Alaska project while speaking Thursday in Washington, D.C. about the future of unconventional natural gas in the domestic supply. "Alaska's gas helps make the case that natural gas is abundant; it is domestically produced; it is a clean source of energy and that significantly reduces carbon emissions; it will create good jobs and helps with affordability of natural gas in the long run."

Promotion of a clean energy economy has companies and the U.S. industrial base looking to natural gas as a new source of energy. They need to be certain natural gas is an abundant supply to make the transition.

Drue Pearce, Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, agreed that the U.S. must utilize all sources of natural gas in creating abundant domestic supplies. "Alaska already has 35 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of proven gas reserves with the potential to deliver over 200 tcf more," Pearce said. "When completed, the Alaska natural gas pipeline will move at least 4 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day, providing the United States with a strong, stable, domestic supply of clean natural gas."

Besides providing energy security, Pearce says this project will create abundant good paying jobs for workers in Alaska and across America. "Over the project's lifetime, tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs will be created from a steel mill worker rolling the pipe to a trucker transporting materials to the welder working the line."

The Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects (OFC) was established by Congress in 2004 to expedite and coordinate federal permitting and construction of a pipeline and enhance transparency and predictability of the federal regulatory system to deliver natural gas from the Arctic to American markets. The OFC coordinates with over 20 federal agencies, the Canadian federal government, the State of Alaska (which leases all the known natural gas reserves and owns portions of the right of way), tribal governments and other stakeholders.

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