

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 05-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ALASKA
NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE
APPLICATION.**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) proposes to construct a one hundred and forty-eight mile spur line to transport natural gas from Glennallen to Palmer; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority has submitted a Right-of Way lease application to the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with AS 38.35.050 for the proposed natural gas spur line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed natural gas spur line generally follows the Glenn Highway from Glennallen to Palmer with approximately 86 miles of the line located on State land; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla's unique location has helped make it the economic center of the Mat-Su Valley with a market area that extends far beyond the city limits serving more than 70,000 people who reside in the core area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and

WHEREAS, the January 2003 edition of the *Alaska Economic Trends*, highlighted the vigorous growth occurring in the Mat-Su Valley stating that the unmatched growth has "attracted the attention of Alaska, national retailers, service providers, developers, and others seeking business opportunities;" and

WHEREAS, the future economic health of the City of Wasilla and of the Mat-Su Valley are dependent on the availability of a reliable and inexpensive natural gas supply; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the Right-of-Way lease by the Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority proposes to begin construction in the summer of 2006, with an estimated construction time of 12 to 24 months, a natural gas spur line which will provide a reliable source of natural gas to Wasilla and the core area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the Right-of-Way lease application as proposed by the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 13, 2005.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: 05-26 AN RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ALASKA NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE APPLICATION.

Agenda of: June 13, 2005
Originator: City Planner

Date: May 31, 2005

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	
X	Public Works Planning	<i>J. Hauley 5-31-05</i>
X	Finance *signature required	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: *Dianne M. Keller*

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Proposed Resolution 05-26
 Department of Natural Resources Notice ADL 229297

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources received a request from the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority to process a right-of-way application to allow construction of a natural gas spur line from Glennallen to Palmer. The Department of Natural Resources has requested public comment on the application. The proposed spur line generally follows the Glenn Highway for approximately 50 miles, where it will ascend the Squaw and Caribou Creek drainages, cross Chitna Pass and descend the Boulder Creek drainage into the Chickaloon area.

Natural gas is important to existing and future residential land use. It provides heat for thousands of homes in the valley and it is also one of the first utilities that potential business and industrial developers will look for in our community. Existing supplies of natural gas currently being utilized in south central Alaska are finite. The proposed natural gas spur line will open a new source of this valuable resource for use by the residents and businesses of Wasilla. Wasilla's support of the requested right-of way lease will assist the Department of Natural Resources in reaching a decision to approve the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority application.