

June 19 2006

Hon Governor Frank Murkowski
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Dear Governor Murkowski

On behalf of the Alaska Public Interest Research Group s (AkPIRG) 2006
Alaska Lebers this letter renews our request that the public comment
period on the proposed gasline contract be extended from 30 days to 120
days This will give Alaskans an opportunity to comment until September
2006 AkPIRG first asked for this extension on May 11th

The legislature was not able to deal with a 6 page bill on oil taxes
over the course of 1 month Nor were they able to craft an agreement
on oil taxes in the recently completed special session Regular
Alaskans should have at least an equal opportunity to deal with more
than 6 pages of complicated gas contract and another 6 pages of
additional materials if the public hearings are to be meaningful

AkPIRG is concerned that Alaskan consumers will begin to see drastic
increases in their gas and electric utility bills due to a shortage in
natural gas supply particularly in Cook Inlet Any gasline contract
and project should specifically address this issue of bringing gas to
Alaskan consumers

Please respond to this request within a week so that Alaskans can know
they will have the opportunity for adequate and meaningful public
hearings for a minimum of 120 days A good product can only be achieved
through a good process Alaskans look forward to your support for an
extension of meaningful public hearings until at least September
2006

Thank you

Sincerely

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