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Alaskans invited to virtual public meetings on AK-LNG pipeline ROW

(Anchorage, AK) – The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold virtual public meetings February 23-25 to share information and answer questions about the right-of-way applications for a proposed North Slope natural gas pipeline.

The Alaska LNG project is the current incarnation of the state's long effort to deliver North Slope natural gas to in-state, domestic and/or international markets. It envisions a 32-inch pipeline from the Point Thomson Unit's Central Pad to Deadhorse, as well as a gas treatment plant on the North Slope and liquefaction plant on the Kenai Peninsula linked by an 807-mile, 42-inch underground pipeline.

The state-owned Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) received a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission certificate in 2020. In January 2021, AGDC received a DNR Commissioner's Analysis and Proposed Decision on its applications for use of state-owned land. That document is available at:

https://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Document/6F77B4F102CF4BF08300626E00664164/2021-01-22 Newsroom Commissioner's Analysis and Proposed Decision?

DNR is conducting the virtual meetings to inform the public, solicit comments and answer questions on the right-of-way permit – all while respecting social distancing protocols to reduce the spread of COVID-19, said Jennifer Murrell, a project manager with DNR's State Pipeline Coordinator's Section. Comments on the right-of-way lease applications may result in changes before the DNR commissioner issues a final decision.

The meetings, to be conducted through the Microsoft Teams online collaboration platform, will start with a short video presentation on the Alaska LNG project and pipeline right-of-way leasing process. Members of the public will then have the opportunity to offer their comments, and to ask questions and receive answers from DNR staff.

The public meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Participating in the meetings by Microsoft Teams will help moderators track and respond to questions, make a high-quality presentation available to people across the state, and create a recorded archive of the proceedings, Murrell said.

Those unable to attend through Teams may participate via audio-only teleconference by dialing (907) 202-7104, and at the prompt entering the nine-digit conference ID for the appropriate meeting, followed by the pound sign (#).

For details on how to participate online or telephone, including the conference ID numbers for each meeting, go to: https://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Document/2FF6A8149AE248DBB69BA43EE80012/2021-01-22 Newsroom Online Public Hearings Schedule and Instructions?

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