

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 01/20/04
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2004-008**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 247, WHICH
AMENDS THE NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 2002**

- WHEREAS,** 70 percent of Alaska’s population resides within the Railbelt region that extends from southern regions of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to Fairbanks North Star Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** the economies and communities of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the Cook Inlet Basin, and the Railbelt region rely on plentiful supplies of natural gas to provide reasonably priced heat and electricity for home and business use; and
- WHEREAS,** current proven reserves of natural gas are insufficient to address long-term supply requirements for the Railbelt region; and
- WHEREAS,** Proposition 3 was passed in the 2002 general election that established the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) to evaluate and attempt to develop an “all-Alaska” LNG pipeline project from the North Slope to Valdez, with provisions to develop a spur pipeline from Glennallen to the Cook Inlet Basin; and
- WHEREAS,** the underlying premise of Proposition 3 that established ANGDA is that an “all-Alaska” LNG project will “maximize jobs for Alaskans, revenues for the Alaskan treasury, and access to gas for Alaskans”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes that under this premise, the best route for the ANGDA LNG project follows the disturbed rights-of-way of the Railbelt from Fairbanks to tidewater in Cook Inlet; and
- WHEREAS,** a Railbelt route would help to preserve existing utility and industrial infrastructure, and would promote new development in rural areas and communities along the Railbelt route by providing access to new supplies of low cost power, heat and raw materials necessary to new value-added industries; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the position of the Kenai Peninsula Borough that economics will decide the success or failure of this project; and
- WHEREAS,** to give the LNG project its best chance for success, ANGDA should base its decisions on sound project economics, which should include a detailed comparative analysis of the Railbelt route option from Fairbanks to tidewater in the Cook Inlet Basin versus the Valdez route; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 247 has been introduced in the Alaska State Legislature that, upon passage, would require that both the Valdez route and the Railbelt route to tidewater in Cook Inlet undergo a full design and cost evaluation before a final route is chosen:

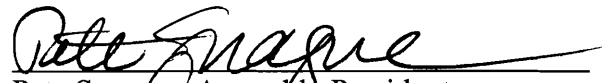
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports and endorses the passage of Senate Bill 247.

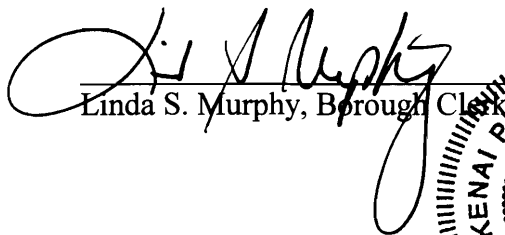
SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded all members of the Alaska State Legislature, the Honorable Governor Frank Murkowski and the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2004.


Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

