

## **Summary Sheet - Alaska Gasline Development Corp. Enabling Legislation** **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE for HOUSE BILL 9 (U VERSION)**

The Committee Substitute (CS) for House Bill 9 (U version) combines several bills previously introduced; incorporates recommendations made by AGDC in the July 2011 Project Plan advancing its work on an instate gasline project; and broadens AGDC's authority to participate in gas development projects in Alaska

The CS incorporates existing bills:

- HB 203, AK Gasline development Corp/Gas Pipeline Fund, which establishes a fund to receive \$200 million appropriated in 2011 for work toward an open season, and directs fund management and investment.
- HB 215, Pipeline Project: Judicial review/ROW, which limits challenges to right-of-way leasing decisions similar to protections extended to TAPS.
- HB 189, Gasline Development Team/Corporation Members/Info, allowing AGDC to enter into confidentiality agreements.

The legislation also:

- Gives AGDC the ability to determine pipeline ownership and operating structure; to exercise eminent domain; to issue bonds; and to manage pipeline and related project assets. Broadens AGDC's authority to include planning, designing, financing, developing, constructing, owning and operating pipelines and related gas development infrastructure.
- Removes language limiting an instate line's scope to linking North Slope gas to tidewater, allowing flexibility in the event of a major gas find in other areas of the state.
- Recognizes AGDC as an Alaska Housing Finance Corporation subsidiary by replacing the Joint Instate Gasline Development Team with AHFC's Board of Directors.
- Maximizes state gas development efforts by bringing the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority under common management with AGDC. Protects the state and AHFC from liability related to AGDC. Directs state agencies to support AGDC's efforts by providing permits and state resources such as water, sand and gravel, at no cost.
- Amends regulatory requirements for a state-sanctioned project by allowing AGDC to operate a pipeline as a contract carrier; and provides AGDC the option for Regulatory Commission of Alaska oversight.
- Exempts an instate gas pipeline from state and local taxes during construction.