ADL 234206 – Response to Request for Project Information

- Could you confirm that the intended schedule is to start clearing land in just 2 or 3 weeks time (from your application "late July/early August")?
  - *The intended start for clearing is anticipated to be August 14th.*
- What is the purpose and benefit(s) of the additional gas line?
  - *The purpose of this project is to reinforce ENSTAR's existing pipeline distribution system, which currently consists of a single feed to the entire Girdwood community.*
- Why now?
  - *As the Girdwood community continues to expand and demand for natural gas grows, more demand is placed on the single feed. This means that if the single feed were to be compromised due to a third-party damage or other event, natural gas service to all of Girdwood could be lost. A second feed will allow ENSTAR to continue providing a resilient and reliable supply of natural gas to the community.*
- Has there been any communication or coordination with the land owner, the Municipality of Anchorage (through Heritage Land Bank)?
  - *Yes. The MOA Heritage Land Bank was notified of the project in the Spring of 2023.*
- What is the expected impact during construction?
  - *In upland areas surrounding Glacier Creek and Virgin Creek, ENSTAR will clear a 20 FT wide swath of land. Cleared trees will be mulched and spread along the alignment. ENSTAR will then excavate an approximately 2 FT wide ditch, temporarily side cast soils while the 4 Inch natural gas pipeline is installed, then backfill the trench with side casted soils. Areas surrounding and outside of previously established setbacks from Glacier Creek and Virgin Creek will be installed by utilizing a Horizontal Directional Drill Bore.*
- Are there any post-construction maintenance needs?
  - *The pipeline will be leak surveyed on a regular schedule, in accordance with PHMSA requirements.*
- Has there been any coordination with other planned construction in the project area, e.g. replacement bridge on Ruane Rd expected in 2024?
  - *Coordination will occur with the MOA as a part of the MOA permit application required for Ruane Road.*
- Were any other alternatives considered?
  - *This alternative is the only option available which utilizes existing rights of way, minimizes environmental impact, and accomplishes the purpose for the project.*