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My name is Edward Rexford Sr. and I am the first chief of the Native Village of Kaktovik. We have been working for many years on environmentally sound and very limited responsible development of our lands since the early 1970's.

We have been negatively impacted with the creation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge which were 23 million acres of our tribal lands. With land claims legislation our corporation was created and now we own approximately 96 thousand acres of land.

Our tribal members desire natural gas to be provided to the community, to reduce the cost of living and to move away from the current diesel power generators.

Our tribe will work to be involved in protecting our traditional and cultural use areas and lands. We want to be involved in designated buffer zones for sensitive areas and important fish wintering spots to avoid during seismic activities.

We would like to co-manage the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that encumber the Kaktovikmiut homelands.

We will be providing the written documents on the closed allotments and access documents including the traditional land use areas during our consultation process. Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide written comments at this time.