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Lesli,

Just want to be sure you got this email for the comment period due tomorrow. The e site was shut down when I was trying to file.

Thanks much.

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Mr. Hart,

Attached are Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's comments on the Coastal Plain DEIS, signed by our President, Tom Barrett. Please confirm receipt.

Thanks much.

Kim Harb

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March 12, 2019

Ms. Nicole Hayes  
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RE: Coastal Plain DEIS

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The DEIS has been prepared in accordance with a congressional mandate to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program for the leasing, development, production and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. According to the Energy Information Administration's Analysis of Projected Crude Oil Production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Dana Van Wagener, EIA, May 23, 2018), the opening of the Coastal Plain of ANWR to crude oil development is projected to increase domestic crude production starting in 2031, and production would peak at about 880,000 barrels per day in 2041. This energy resource would be transported through the existing infrastructure of the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). As the operator of TAPS, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company has a keen interest in this environmental impact statement, and strongly supports efforts to prepare and implement a leasing program that will allow for the environmentally responsible development of the large reserves of energy in the Coastal Plain, and the transport of that energy to the lower 48 states through TAPS.

Operated and maintained by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, TAPS has safely delivered crude oil to meet the nation's energy needs for 41 years while protecting Alaska's lands, waters and wildlife, and partnering closely with the indigenous Native people whose traditional lands we cross. The ongoing success of this existing infrastructure and its role in the nation's energy infrastructure depends on healthy levels of Alaska crude oil production. At the peak of Alaska's production in 1988, TAPS delivered 2.1 million barrels of oil per day, transporting some 24 percent of the nation's crude oil production.

However, throughput has declined and in 2018 the pipeline averaged 509,315 barrels per day. Lower throughput levels create flow assurance challenges for the operation of TAPS. To keep the pipeline operating safely, we have made significant investments to re-engineer and adapt the

pipeline. The changing hydraulic profile on TAPS has led to the replacement of our mainline pumps, in-station pipe replacement, additional piping for recirculation to heat the oil, added heat along the line, additional pigging and an additional pig launcher and receiver.

We are confident in our ability to continue handling these and other TAPS infrastructure issues. Significant attention and considerable resources and investment have been made to assure the long term operating sustainability of TAPS. The current throughput level also means TAPS has ample capacity to absorb significant additional Alaska North Slope oil production.

We fully support environmentally responsible exploration and development efforts that could result in increased throughput in the pipeline system. This includes efforts to produce oil from onshore, nearshore, and offshore areas of the North Slope of Alaska that would be delivered to the American people through the existing infrastructure of TAPS. As the Bureau continues work on the environmental impact statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, we ask that you consider the benefit that TAPS provides to our nation's energy policy, and the importance the energy resources in the Coastal Plain and elsewhere on the North Slope of Alaska may have to the pipeline system's continued contribution to the United States' energy policy and security.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kim Harb of my staff at (202)466-3866.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim A. Barnett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" being more prominent.

cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Senator Dan Sullivan  
Congressman Don Young