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House Majority Disregards AGIA, Large-Volume Gasline *City of Valdez Responds to House Majority Denunciation of AGIA Process*

Anchorage, AK – Today the Alaska House Majority released a statement on their [Facebook page](#) claiming that Speaker Chenault’s Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline concept is “the only real project moving forward to bring Alaska’s gas to Alaskans,” calling into question the enormous effort and work product created under the AGIA process.

Valdez Mayor Dave Cobb offered the following response:

“The City of Valdez is disappointed with the House Majority’s misleading statement. The fact is, the Governor, and major producers along with TransCanada, have already had a successful open season that justifies moving forward with a large-volume gas line to tidewater capable of selling our gas to hungry markets abroad.

“Governor Parnell’s Alaska Pipeline Project has completed preliminary engineering work, and received market interest greater than twice the capacity of the project. Hundreds of millions of dollars and over a million man hours have been spent on that effort. The Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline concept, on the other hand, has yet to spend the money necessary to go through an open season, will raise the cost of energy in Southcentral according to their own estimates, and is not capable of generating new revenue to offset declining oil production.

“Simply said, it’s a short-sighted and pessimistic view of Alaska’s future to suggest we settle for a small-volume approach given the significant progress being made toward a large-volume gasline under AGIA or otherwise.

“We are troubled by the continued willingness to do or say anything to see House Bill 4 pass. The City of Valdez is committed to the project that is best for all Alaskans. A large-volume line to tidewater is the only project that will generate desperately needed revenue to the State, and provide the cheapest possible energy to Alaskans.”

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