



March 25, 2014

GMT1 Draft SEIS Comments  
Attn. Bridget Psarianos  
222 West 8th Avenue, Stop #13  
Anchorage, AK 99513

Dear Ms. Psarianos,

The Alaska Chamber is a statewide, pro-business organization representing hundreds of Alaska businesses and employees from Ketchikan to Barrow. Our primary mission is to advocate for policies that improve Alaska's business climate.

As the state's most diverse statewide business organization, it is sometimes a challenge for our members to agree on an issue. Responsible development in Alaska's federal arctic, including NRP-A, isn't one of these issues, it is actually something upon which our members have agreed for years as essential to Alaska's overall economic viability.

The economic impact of GMT1 is significant. It will help offset otherwise declining production on the North Slope; provide jobs during construction and operations, tax revenues, and royalties while helping meet domestic energy needs.

The Alaska Chamber supports the GMT 1 project Alternative A which is substantially similar to the CD6 project approved 10 years ago (2004). The difference between GMT1 Alternative A and the CD6 project are notable in that Alternative A reduces impacts to the environment and lowers the overall footprint of the project. It is also important to note that groups representing the people who live in the project area, like the Kuukpik Corporation, the North Slope Borough and the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, support GMT1 Alternative 1.

Despite the fact that GMT1 has been studied as CD6 and again in the 2012 NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan that the comment period on this SEIS was extended by 15 days. This comment extension adds to the 14 week delay from the agreed to permitting schedule has already experienced.

The Alaska Chamber supports this project and respectfully requests that GMT1 Alternative A be selected and that no further extensions or delays in the project permitting schedule be allowed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachael Petro'.

Rachael Petro  
President/CEO