## ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT

## **AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. G24-17**

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL AND EXPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING A CREDIT INSTRUMENT FOR USE BY THE ALASKA GASLINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING FINANCING A FRONT END ENGINEERING AND DESIGN STUDY

WHEREAS, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to AS 44.88.080 has enumerated powers and authorizations for the development of infrastructure in connection with the development and transportation of Alaska's natural resources;

WHEREAS, AS 44.88.080 (11) provides that the authority may enter into contracts or agreements with respect to the exercise of any of its powers, and do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its corporate purposes and exercise the powers granted in this chapter;

WHEREAS, AS 44.88.080 (15) authorizes the authority to assist private lenders to make loans to finance the costs of projects through loan commitments, short-term financing, or otherwise;

WHEREAS AS 44.88.080 (17) specifies that the authority can enter into contracts or other transactions with a federal agency, with an agency or instrumentality of the state or of a municipality, or with a private organization or other entity consistent with the exercise of any power under this chapter;

WHEREAS, the Authority pursuant to AS 44.88.080 (9) can "enter into contracts or other transactions regarding them with, a federal agency, an agency or instrumentality of the state, a municipality, a private organization, or other source[.]";

WHEREAS, the exercise of these powers and authorization by the Authority is consistent with the reason the Authority was created as expressed in AS 44.88.010 (b) which declared it to be the policy of the state, in the interests of promoting the health, security, and general welfare of all the people of the state, and a public purpose, to increase job opportunities and otherwise to encourage the economic growth of the state, including the development of its natural resources, through the establishment and expansion of manufacturing, industrial, export, small business, and business enterprises and the other facilities by creating the Authority with the powers, duties, and functions as provided in that chapter;

WHEREAS, the Authority, pursuant to AS 44.88.010 (a) (10) (A) is directed by the Legislature to promote prosperity and general welfare of the State by "encouraging an increase in private investments by banks, investment houses, insurance companies, and other financial institutions, including pension and retirement funds, to help satisfy the need for economic expansion[.]";

**WHEREAS**, the Authority, pursuant to AS 44.88.070 (2) is directed to "provid[e] development project financing for the enterprises and other facilities" that "the [A]uthority does not intend to own[.]";

WHEREAS, the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation ("AGDC") under the terms of AS 31.25.010 is a public corporation owned by the State of Alaska within the Department of Community, Commerce and Economic Development; and is empowered to expedite, finance, and build natural gas infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the statutory purposes of AGDC in AS 31.25.005 include the development of a natural gas pipeline and Liquified Natural Gas ("LNG") project so as to deliver gas in-state for the maximum benefit of Alaskans in order to develop state resources

for the benefit of Alaskans;

WHEREAS, the Authority's mission includes supporting transportation, storage, or delivery of natural gas or energy resources for commercial or industrial purposes;

**WHEREAS**, under AS 31.25.080 (a) (11) AGDC has the authority to make and execute agreements, contracts, and other instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and functions of the corporation under this chapter, including a contract with a person, firm, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has spent hundreds of millions of dollars concerning a pipeline to monetize the North Slope's Natural gas resources;

WHEREAS, AGDC is the Alaska LNG project proponent;

WHEREAS, Cook Inlet gas supply is uncertain, and some utilities are evaluating potential alternative natural gas supplies;

WHEREAS, AGDC has been working with the Alaska utilities on delivery options using North Slope Natural gas;

WHEREAS, AGDC has formulated an Alaska LNG Project Phase One concept as a potential long-term energy supply for Alaskans;

WHERAS, Phase One would use a 42" pipeline from the North Slope to transport Natural gas to Southcentral Alaska;

**WHEREAS,** AGDC has represented that Phase One is fully permitted and has the ability to start construction. AGDC is working with a North America pipeline company to lead a Front End Engineering and Design study ("FEED");

WHEREAS, AGDC made a presentation to the Authority's Board on October 23, 2024, which provided that FEED is the final step before Final Investment Decision and construction commencement on the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline;

WHEREAS, AGDC informed the Authority's Board that a FEED and scope is largely comprised of updating final cost estimates, construction contracts and other work estimated to cost up to \$50.0 million;

WHEREAS, the Alaska LNG Project is further eligible for a \$28 billion US Department of Energy ("DOE") Loan guarantee that pledges the full faith and credit of the United States pursuant to the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA");

WHEREAS, AGDC believes that the Alaska LNG Project will create almost 12,000 direct jobs at peak of construction with 1,000 long-term operations jobs coupled with a significant number of indirect jobs both during construction and operations.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Authority consistent with its enumerated purposes and powers and in conformity with the definitions used in AS 44.88.900 (13) (H) supports the development of a plant or facility, for the purposes of generation, transmission, development, transportation, conversion, or use of Natural gas for energy resources to Alaskans;

Section 2. The Board of the Authority authorizes and directs the Executive Director and Authority staff to proceed with the evaluation of funding, (which may include a third-party source of capital) for the Front End Engineering and Design study of the Alaska LNG Project Phase One;

Section 3. The Board of the Authority authorizes and directs the Executive Director and Authority staff as the Executive Director designates to negotiate a Memorandum of

Understanding with Alaska Gasline Development Corporation regarding: 1) provision of a credit instrument, guarantee, or other form of debt issuance backstop not to exceed \$50.0 million to be extended to and used, possibly in connection with a private source of capital, to facilitate the Front End Engineering and Design study; and 2) a Development Finance Agreement both in a form the Executive Director determines satisfactory;

Section 4. The Board of the Authority further authorizes and directs the Executive Director and Authority staff as the Executive Director designates to negotiate the terms for a credit instrument, guaranty, or other form of debt issuance backstop that would be extended to and used, possibly in connection with and executed with a private source of financing, for the cost of the Front End Engineering and Design study for Phase One of the Alaska LNG Project and a financing agreement both in a form the Executive Director determines satisfactory;

Section 5. The Executive Director, and any other officer of the Authority to whom the Executive Director delegates, is authorized to negotiate, finalize, execute and deliver instruments, guaranties, agreements, contracts and other necessary documents that are necessary to effectuate and expedient the purposes of this Resolution in the form the Executive Director determines satisfactory;

<u>Section 6</u>. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to sign all documents and instruments, and to take such other actions, as may be necessary or convenient in implementing this Resolution.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 4 <sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.	
	Chair
ATTEST	
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Secretary	