# Alaska LNG Project Update

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Frank Richards, President February 16, 2021



#### **Completed cost reduction process**

- Updated capital cost assessments, identifying \$8.5 billion of cost reduction from previous estimates (2015)
- Successfully passed economic stage gate

#### **Received necessary approvals**

- Department of Energy export authorizations for both Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement countries
- Federal Energy Regulatory Section 3 authorization in place to build the facilities
- Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission gas offtake approval for 3.6 Bcf/d



#### **Continued engagement and support from the Government**

 Ongoing engagement at both State and Federal Government, maintaining continued backing for the project

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### **Alignment of Strategic Parties**

- We are continuing to advance the structure and leadership of the project with a Strategic Party group consisting of:
  - North Slope Producers
  - A major pipeline developer
  - LNG buyers
  - Banks and financial corporations
- This group has the technical and financial capacity to bring this project to completion
- A likely lead party for each of the Gas Treatment Plant and the Pipeline have been identified
- But there are hurdles remaining:
  - A lead party for the LNG plant needs to be identified
  - The project needs fiscal stability
  - Property tax issues need to be addressed

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#### **Alaska LNG Project Regulatory Status**

- Accomplishments
  - Federal Environmental Regulatory Commission (FERC)
    - Environmental Impact Statement published
    - Order authorizing construction received
  - Federal Rights-of- Way Received
    - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
    - National Park Service (NPS) Denali Nat. Park & Preserve
  - 36 Additional major permits/approvals
    - LAST major Federal approval was received last week!
- Remaining major permit/approval work underway
  - State ROW lease: Public comment period ends March 1
  - Air permit for liquefaction facility: ADEC considering comments
  - Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP): New draft distributed last week

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#### Impacts to Alaska's Economy





Note: Government employment includes federal, state, and local government plus public schools and universities. <sup>1</sup>September seasonally adjusted unemployment rates

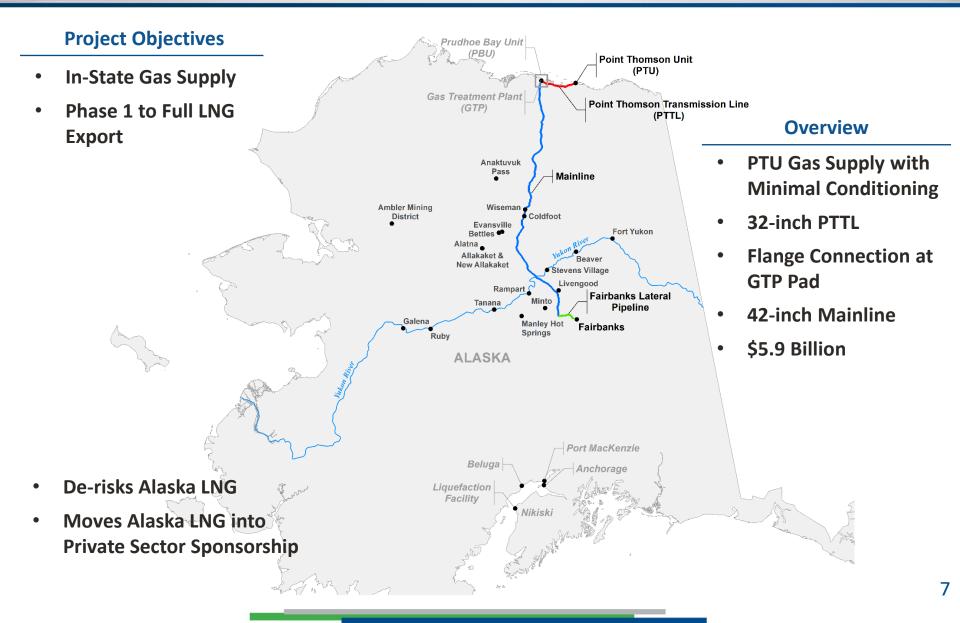
<sup>2</sup>September employment, over-the-year percent change

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section



- Alaska has an energy infrastructure project that can immediately ignite our economy, put thousands of Alaskans back to work, clean our air, improve health, and reduce energy bills
- The Alaska LNG Project can be phased, starting with a \$5.9 billion U.S. clean energy infrastructure initiative that will resolve longstanding climate, pollution, and energy problems affecting vulnerable rural populations and strategically located Department of Defense installations
- Attracting stimulus and private funding in the near future for the initial phase of the Alaska LNG Project will quickly revitalize Alaska
- Alaska LNG is unique: the project has major permits required to start work now

## Accelerated Initial Phase to Deliver Early Gas



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#### Near-Term Alaska Economic Stimulus



- Propels a near-term economic recovery for Alaska:
  - ✓ \$1.5 billion impact in first 24 months
  - ✓ 1,400+ high-paying direct jobs
  - ✓ 20,000+ indirect jobs
- Immediate benefit to hardest-hit service industries (e.g., restaurants, hotels, transportation, etc.)
- Delivers natural gas to Interior Alaska in 2025
- The private sector would build, own, and operate



Alaska State Legislature Letter of Intent for SB-138:

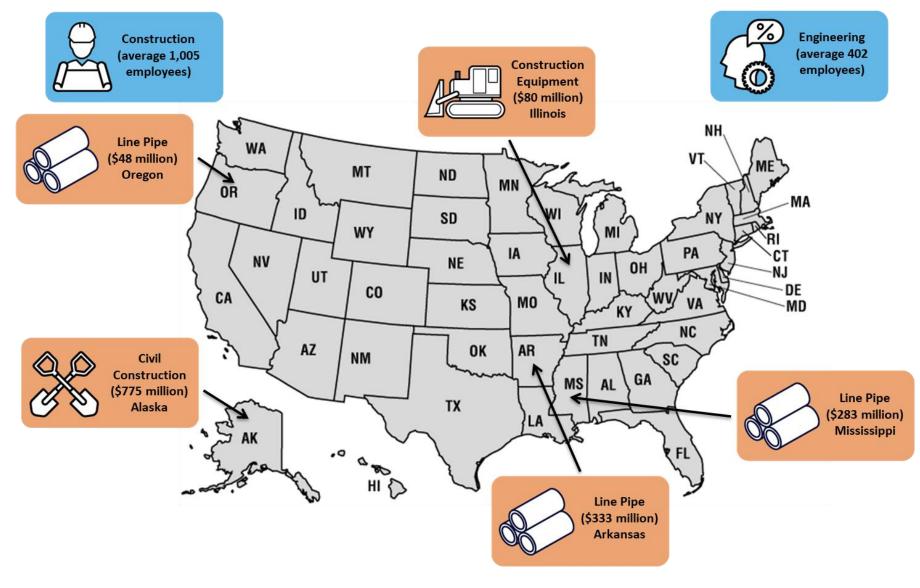
- Employ Alaska residents and contract with Alaska businesses to the extent they are qualified, available, ready, willing and cost competitive;
- Use, as far as practicable, job centers and associated services operated by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development;
- Participate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to update the training plan for an LNG export project including main operations;
- Advertise for available positions locally and use, as far as practicable, Alaska job service organizations to notify the Alaska public; and
- Work with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and other organizations to provide training.

AGDC signed a 2018 "Alaskans first" hiring agreement with local labor organizations for the construction of the Alaska LNG Project:

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Central Alaska Building & Trades Council, Fairbanks Building & Trades Council, and the Alaska Petroleum Joint Craft Council
- Provides the framework necessary to advise engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) firms regarding negotiations of project labor agreements (PLAs)
- Agreement terms include work and rotation schedules, drug and alcohol test requirements, and safety training. Wages will be established in accordance with prevailing wage rates for local public construction contracts.
- "An Alaskans-first agreement guarantees qualified Alaska residents will be first in line to construct and operate the major components of this gasline" (Alaska AFL-CIO President Vince Beltrami, Oct 2018)

#### **Create Near-term Jobs**





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- Clear the air in Fairbanks and Interior Alaska, which has some of the worst air quality in the nation
- Bring relief to residents with no alternative to diesel or wood
- In the midst of a respiratory virus pandemic, this need has never been more urgent
- Boosts military efforts to alleviate major climate impacts of defense infrastructure in strategically important Alaska
- Boost military readiness through consistent, sustainable, and reliable energy access
- Reduce costs for producing minerals essential for manufacturing renewable energy and electric vehicle components

- Alaskans with limited income spend a disproportionate amount of their money for heat and light while we sit on one the largest untapped natural gas reservoirs in the world.
- Lower energy bills by 25% rural communities with construction of initial phase
- Lower energy bills further as much as 75% when the Alaska LNG Project is complete
- Provide the opportunity for direct investment in the project

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"...launch a national effort aimed at creating the jobs we need to build a modern, sustainable infrastructure now and deliver an equitable clean energy future."

- Build a Modern Infrastructure
- Achieve a Carbon Pollution-Free Power Sector by 2035
- Make Dramatic Investments in Energy Efficiency in Buildings, including Completing 4 Million Retrofits and Building 1.5 Million New Affordable Homes
- Pursue a Historic Investment in Clean Energy Innovation
- Advance Sustainable Agriculture and Conservation
- Secure Environmental Justice and Equitable Economy Opportunity
- Position the U.S. Auto Industry to Win the 21st Century with technology invented in America

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- Electric grids face a dual challenge: meeting growing demand for power while also decarbonizing the energy it supplies
- Natural gas will play an indispensable role in managing the risk that a precipitous leap to renewables will make electricity more expensive and potentially less reliable
- Gas plays an indispensable role in renewable energy expansion by providing an instantly dispatchable source of electricity
- Retaining sufficient natural gas generation to backstop wind and solar power would reduce costs and increase reliability compared to a grid that relies entirely on renewables
- Political debate around energy and climate policy often presents Americans with a false choice between natural gas and renewable energy the two are intertwined

Progressive Policy Institute Wind, Solar, and Gas: Managing the Risks of America's Clean Energy Transition December 2020

## Federal Stimulus/Infrastructure Support

- Stimulus or infrastructure funding is key to attract outside investment
- AGDC supports greater flexibility for States to prioritize initiatives
- Alaska congressional delegation has voiced support for stimulus funding and greater flexibility
- Contracted with Brownstein Hyatt Faber Schreck and Holland & Hart to provide strategic counsel and assist with communications
  - Congressional committee leadership
  - President-elect transition teams
  - Support organizations

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- Fund the project alongside private sector Lead Party:
  - ✓ Owner Builder Operator (OBO) would invest capital
  - ✓ OBO to receive minimum return ahead of any State payback
  - Reliable & unlimited capacity of gas supply to Fairbanks for \$15/MMBtu
- Significantly de-risks Alaska LNG
- Once Alaska LNG is sanctioned by investors, gas prices drop to under \$5/MMBtu in Interior and Southcentral Alaska
- The Alaska LNG project final phase will bring additional job creation
- Alaska LNG's clean-energy infrastructure positions Alaska to remain a major energy exporter far into the future by exporting LNG and eventually hydrogen

## Questions

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# **Backup Slides**

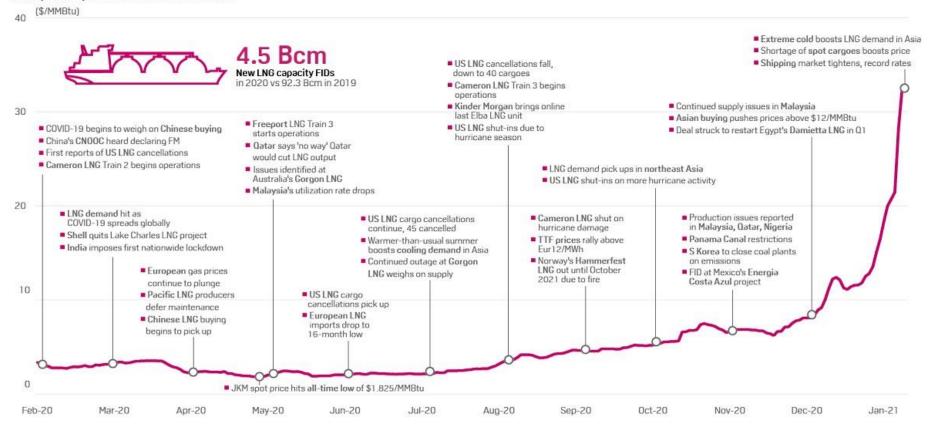
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### LNG Market Update: Back to Winter Strength

#### LNG PRICE BONANZA: JKM SPOT PRICE RALLIES TO RECORD HIGH IN 2021

Since May, when the JKM Asian spot LNG price bottomed out below \$2/MMBtu due to oversupply, the market has enjoyed a remarkable rally, the JKM increasing more than 16-fold to a record high of \$32.50/MMBtu in January. This was driven first by an unprecedented supply-side response to low prices, with US LNG cancellations starting to rebalance the market through the summer, followed by strong winter buying demand from Asian buyers in the fall and a number of supply-side issues. Since the start of 2021, cargo shortages, transportation bottlenecks, record shipping rates, and plunging winter temperatures have lent further support to the market.

#### JKM spot LNG price rallies from summer lows

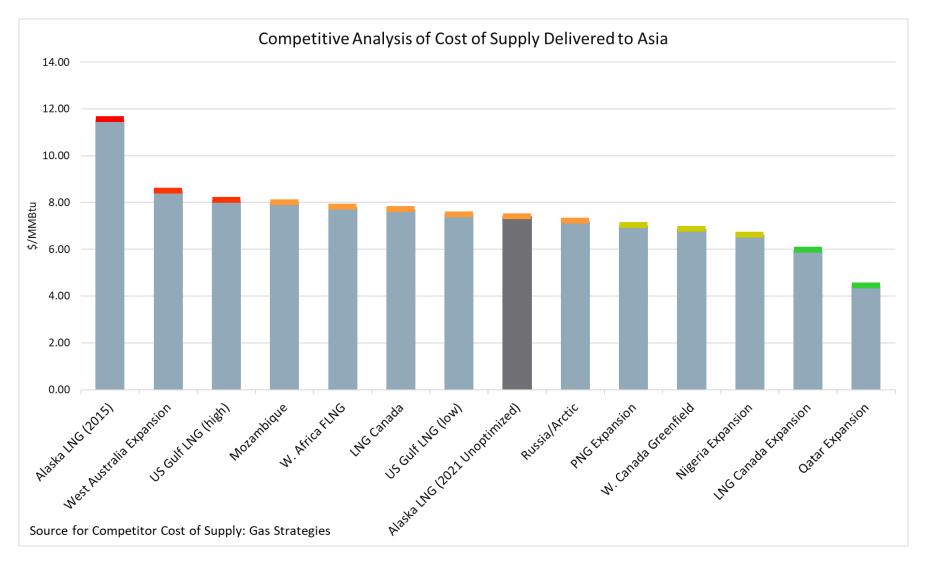


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#### Alaska LNG vs. Competition





#### **Proposed Commercial Structure**



The project will have a non-integrated structure to attract a broad range of potential investors by allowing investors to target specific asset classes, and risk return profiles.

