

# Skagway-RurAL CAP back gas pipeline

The City of Skagway and the RurALCAP Board of Directors have added their voices to the lengthening list of organizations which support the trans-Alaska natural gas line, the RurALCAP directors endorsed the line contingent upon mandated local hire, insuring sufficient oil and gas be kept within the state to meet Alaska's needs, and several other clauses.

Skagway's City Council was one of a number of Alaskan communities and organizations which wrote the Federal Power Commission to criticize the FPC staff's environmental impact statement.

Skagway Mayor John R. Edwards wrote the FPC to note that "the statement that there is no interest in the use of the state's royalty gas within the state is in error." Edwards also noted that the Environmental Statement fails to indicate the

strong support of the citizens of Alaska.

Other organizations which wrote the FPC include the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of Fairbanks, the Fairbanks Town and Village Association, the State Democratic Central Committee, the Boilermakers Union Local No. 104, the State of Alaska, the Seattle Port Commission and the Prince William Aquaculture Association. The Boilermakers Union business manager also wrote to all members of Congress.

"We are hopeful that more Alaskan organizations and individuals, too, will use their contacts outside the state to make known our solid support

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for the Alaska gas line." said OMAR spokesperson Paula Easley.

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