

## NOTICE OF UTILITY TARIFF FILING

The ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION gives notice that ALASCOM, INC. d/b/a/AT&T ALASCOM (Alascom), a long distance telephone company, has filed a tariff revision (TA396-98) to offer its customers the following three promotions.

- Alascom LDMS Compare Promotion
- Alascom Long Distance Certificates
- Alascom LDMS SAVE Promotion No. 1

This notice does not contain a complete listing of all the provisions proposed by Alascom. Alascom proposes to offer its LDMS Compare Promotion to Residential Long Distance Customers residing in the United States. Following are some provisions from the proposed offering.

\*\*\*Residential Customers of Residential Telecommunications Services may contact Alascom and participate in a discussion with an Alascom representative which compares Alaska Residential services and comparable services of other carriers.

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Customers who do not agree that Alascom's prices are competitive and request satisfaction will receive a one time free month payment of up to \$100 of residential long distance service.

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Alascom proposes the following provisions for its Long Distance Certificates promotion.

Alascom long distance certificates will be offered to customers from time to time at various locations including but not limited to trade shows, county fairs, exhibits, meetings, seminars and similar events and also in certain LDMS complaint situations. Alascom long distance certificates will also be offered to customers from time to time during LDMS promotions such as seasonal/holiday promotions, regional sales campaigns, and carrier selection activities. The value of each certificate will not exceed \$25.00.

Alascom proposes to offer LDMS SAVE Promotion No. 1 to its residential customers. According to Alascom, "Eligible Residential Customers must have an average monthly total toll usage of at least \$10 and be subscribed to Alascom as their primary interexchange carrier." In addition to this provision one of six conditions must be met to qualify for the LDMS SAVE Promotion No. 1. Under this promotion Alascom proposes to provide eligible customers the following long distance certificate or bill credit.

Customer's Average Monthly Toll Usage	Amount of Long Distance Certificate or Bill Credit
At least \$10.00, but no more than \$24.99	\$10.00
At least \$25.00, but no more than \$49.99	\$20.00
At least \$50.00, but no more than \$74.99	\$30.00
\$75.00, and over	\$50.00

If the Commission finds that the proposals by Alascom is not just and reasonable, the Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed.

Detailed information may be obtained from Alascom at 210 East Bluff Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1100. The filing may be inspected at the offices of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, 1016 West Sixth Avenue, Suite 400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Any interested person may file a statement of views favoring or opposing this filing. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation to comment on the filing, please contact Christy Hilde at 263-2107/TTY: 276-4533 by February 7, 1997, to make any necessary arrangements.

Please file comments or petitions by February 14, 1997, to assure their consideration by the Commission on this matter. Any statement filed with the Commission should clearly affirm that the interested person has filed a true copy of the statement with Alascom.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 29th day of January, 1997.

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

s/ Robert A. Lohr

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Executive Director

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Alascom LDMS 60 Free Minutes Promotion	-- consists of six consecutive monthly bill credits, each equal to the first 60 minutes of domestic Dial Station calling per month.
Alascom LDMS 30 for 6 Free Minutes Promotion	-- consists of six consecutive monthly bill credits, each equal to the first 30 minutes of domestic Dial Station calling per month.
Alascom 100 Free Minutes Promotion	-- consists of one monthly bill credit equal to the first 100 minutes of Domestic Dial Station calling.
Alascom Long Distance Wireless Promotion	-- provides 30 free minutes of LDMS usage each month for twelve billing months following enrollment.
Alascom Basic Frame Relay Service Promotion No. 2	-- waives various charges if the customer commits to a one, two, or three-year contract.

There are various conditions and enrollment criteria associated with all five proposed promotions. This notice does not contain a complete listing of all the provisions proposed by Alascom.

Following are a few examples of provisions from Alascom's five proposed promotional offerings.

**Alascom LDMS 60 Free Minutes Promotion** -- Existing Alascom Customers must have an average monthly toll usage of \$10.00 or more during the three most recent billing cycles that are available.

**Alascom LDMS 30 for 6 Free Minutes Promotion** -- Customer's free minutes credit will be calculated after all other discounts and credits are applied. In the event a Customer has less than 30 qualifying free minutes of usage in a given monthly bill cycle period, a credit for only the qualifying minutes will be issued to the Customer and counted as the 30 free minutes credit. In the event a Customer has no qualifying free minutes usage in a given monthly bill cycle period, a credit of \$0 will be issued to the Customer and counted as the free minutes credit.

**Alascom LDMS 100 Free Minutes Promotion** -- If at any time during this promotion, the Customer selects a carrier other than Alascom as their primary interexchange carrier, the Customer will: (1) forfeit any monthly bill credits not yet received, and (2) terminate their participation in this promotion.

**Alascom Long Distance Wireless Promotion** -- Customers who subscribe to the promotion and who participate in any Alascom Optional Calling Plans on the Wireline Main Billed Account, will receive either a monthly bill credit of \$5.00 or an Alascom Long Distance Certificate valued at \$5.00, at ALASCOM's option, for twelve months instead of 30 free minutes for twelve months.

**Alascom Basic Frame Relay Service Promotion No. 2** -- If the Customer commits to a one, two, or three-year contract and stays with Alascom for the full term of the contract, Alascom will waive the Monthly Recurring charges for the Port, PVC and Channel Bank Arrangement or DACS Port Arrangement, as specified in [Alascom's tariff] \*\*\* on the thirteenth, twenty-fifth, or thirty-seventh month.

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Please file comments or petitions by February 21, 1997, to assure their consideration by the Commission on this matter. Any statement filed with the Commission should clearly affirm that the interested person has filed a true copy of the statement with Alascom.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 6th day of February, 1997.

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

s/ Robert A. Lohr

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Executive Director

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## NOTICE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE PRELIMINARY FINDING UNDER AS 38.05.035(e) REGARDING PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 86 (Central Beaufort Sea)

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945(a)(3)(A) of the issuance of the preliminary best interest finding under AS 38.05.035(e)(5)(A) concerning the sale of oil and gas leases in proposed Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale 86, Central Beaufort Sea.

Before this sale can take place, the director of DO&G is required to make a final written finding that the sale is in the best interest of the state. To facilitate this, DO&G has collected public and agency comments, socio-economic and environmental information in order to consider the potential effects of proposed Sale 86. This information was then used to prepare this written preliminary finding. In this preliminary finding the director establishes the scope of the administrative review for the proposed sale; considers and discusses certain important facts and issues determined to be material as required by AS 38.05.035(e)(1) and (g); and sets out the law, regulations and applicable policies upon which the director bases his final determination. The director also includes certain proposed mitigation measures considered necessary to minimize the anticipated adverse impacts of the proposed sale. Accompanying this preliminary finding is DO&G's analysis of the sale's consistency with the local district and Alaska Coastal Management Programs (ACMP) under AS 46.40.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

During the next 60 days, DO&G invites the public to comment on any aspect of the sale including the sale's preliminary best interest finding, the ACMP consistency analysis, and any proposed term or condition. Comments on the ACMP Consistency Analysis should either be submitted separately or be grouped under a different heading than the comments on the preliminary best interest finding. Comments should be mailed to the Division of Oil and Gas, 3601 'C' Street, Suite 1380, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, Attention: James Hansen, Chief Petroleum Geophysicist. DO&G must receive comments no later than 5:00 p.m. April 1, 1997 to be considered in the final best interest finding and the ACMP consistency determination for this sale.

Interested individuals may obtain copies of the preliminary finding, DO&G's ACMP consistency analysis and preliminary legal descriptions from DNR's Public Information Office, in Suite 200 of the Frontier Building, 3601 'C' Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Copies are also available for public review at the following locations: Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow; the public library in Nulikut; the City Clerk's Office in Kaktovik and the Loussac public library in Anchorage.

Preliminary tract maps for Sale 86 are available on request from DO&G at a cost of \$50 per set. Please add an additional \$3.50 for postage. Makes checks payable to: Department of Revenue, State of Alaska.

### PUBLIC HEARING

DO&G will hold a public hearing concerning this proposed oil and gas lease sale at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 1997 in the Nulikut Community Center, in Nulikut, Alaska. DO&G will provide a translator for testimony given in Inupiat.

Copies of the preliminary Best Interest Finding, preliminary tract maps and other information will be available at this hearing. The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this public hearing should contact Bill Garoutte at (907)269-8808 no later than February 18, 1997 to discuss any necessary arrangements. Speakers are asked to provide a written copy of their transcript, if possible.

### SALE AREA DESCRIPTION

Proposed Sale 86 includes 202 tracts with an area of approximately 424,000 acres, and is entirely within the North Slope Borough. The proposed sale area is generally located in the Beaufort Sea between the mouths of the Canning River and the Kogru River with selected uplands along the Colville River and the Nechelek River Channel, and within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The proposed sale area also consists of uplands located on the Central Arctic Coastal Plain west of Milne Pt., and between the Sagavaniirktok and Shavioivik Rivers. Activities resulting from this sale may affect the community of Nulikut.

The State of Alaska and the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) jointly own all of the subsurface interests in Tracts 9, 10, 121 through 124, and 128 through 129 within the proposed Sale 86 area. This joint ownership arrangement is described in the "1991 Settlement Agreement Between Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the State of Alaska." Under the terms of this agreement the State and ASRC have agreed to joint, undivided ownership of the leaseable subsurface estate of certain lands near the village of Nulikut. The agreement establishes the specific percentages of ownership interest each party has in each section. The agreement also specifies that the State of Alaska has the executive right to lease the land for itself and ASRC. Should a lease covering these lands be executed, the State and ASRC will each manage their interests in the lease independently.

The portions of Tracts 121, 122, 123 and 124 within NPRA are also subject to a 1987 land selection consent agreement between ASRC and the Kuukpik Corp. (Nulikut village). In that agreement those parties consented and agreed as follows:

... 1) Kuukpik hereby gives its concurrence for ASRC to exercise its option under §1431(o) of ANILCA to acquire the ASRC Subsurface, but Kuukpik expressly conditions its concurrence in such acquisition of the ASRC Subsurface by reserving the right to consent to any Exploration and Development Activities that ASRC, its successors and assigns, may engage in from time to time with respect to the ASRC Subsurface.

2) ASRC agrees that it will not engage in any Exploration and Development Activities with respect to the ASRC Subsurface without first obtaining the consent referred to in Paragraph 1 of this agreement.

ASRC received its title to these lands subject to this agreement. The State of Alaska received its undivided interest to the subsurface estate beneath these lands from ASRC in 1992, 1993, and 1994. The State's title and leases issued on these lands, therefore, also are subject to the 1987 ASRC-Kuukpik Agreement. Potential lessees are advised that exploration and development activities on these tracts can only take place after Kuukpik Corp. provides its consent under this agreement.

Copies of these agreements are available for review in the DNR's Public Information Office, Suite 200, in the Frontier Building, 3601 'C' Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

The surface estate to the uplands in a portion of the sale area are owned either by the Kuukpik Corp. or by one of several Native allotment recipients. Potential lessees may not enter onto the surface of these lands for any purpose until the lessees make provisions to compensate the landowner for all damages sustained by the landowner by reason of entering upon the land, either directly with the landowner or as required by AS 38.05.130.

### FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING

DO&G anticipates making the final finding available to the public on or about June 24, 1997. Under AS 38.05.035(i) only those persons whom the final finding affects, and who have meaningfully participated in the best interest finding process, through written comment or oral testimony presented at a public hearing(s), are eligible to file an administrative appeal or request for reconsideration of the final decision by the commissioner. Further, under AS 38.05.035(i) only those persons who have exhausted their administrative rights by requesting a reconsideration have standing to appeal the best interest finding to the Superior Court.

### ACMP PROCESS

DO&G will issue a proposed ACMP consistency determination as soon as possible after the close of the comment period. Under AS 46.40.096(e)(1), the right to petition the Coastal Policy Council for a review of a proposed consistency determination is limited to the applicant, or an affected coastal resource district, a state agency, or a citizen of an affected coastal resource district, but only if the party submitted comments regarding the NSB Coastal Policy plan during the comment period ending April 1, 1997. A resource agency or affected coastal resource district can only petition after an elevation of issues under 6AAC 50.070(j). The final ACMP consistency determination will be issued concurrently with the final best interest finding on or about September 30, 1997.

If a decision is made that the proposed sale best serves the interests of the State, an "Instructions to Bidders" packet will be made available on or about June 24, 1997. If a decision is made to hold the sale, DO&G has tentatively scheduled Sale 86 to occur in the Wilda Marston Theater in the Loussac public library, 3600 Denali Street, in Anchorage, on September 30, 1997, in accordance with AS 38.05.180.

The State of Alaska, DNR DO&G complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This Publication is available in alternative communication formats upon request. Please contact Bill Garoutte at (907) 269-8808 to make any necessary arrangements.

s/ Kenneth A. Boyd

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