

Interior holds gas line hearings

The Interior Department has scheduled public meetings to obtain comments on rules proposed for prohibiting discrimination during construction and operation of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System..

Three public meetings are being held this week in Alaska. Additionally, written comments may be offered until Dec. 12.

The three public meetings in Alaska are on November 28, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Anchorage Federal Building, and on November 29, at 9:00 a.m. in the Noel Wien Public Library in Fairbanks, and on November 30, at 9:00 a.m. in the North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers in Barrow.

The proposed rules have been developed by the Interior Department and other government agencies during the past two years.

The Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976 requires that federal agencies take affirmative action to prevent discrimination during construction and operation of the gas line on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin or sex.

The proposed 4,800-mile, \$15-billion pipeline project, which would be built by a consortium of energy companies, is being reviewed by U.S. and Canadian government officials following the endorsement given by President Carter in a July 16 energy message.

Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted until Dec. 12 to the Office for Equal Opportunity, Department of the Interior, 1800 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

A notice covering the proposed regulations appeared in the Oct. 12, 1979 Federal Register.