

Won't Give Environmental Impact Statement

Fighting every step of the way for their rights, the Arctic Slope Native people must still battle over even the simplest requests.

On March 21, the attorney for the Arctic Slope Native Association, Frederick Paul, of Seattle, addressed a letter to Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, requesting copies of the Environmental Impact Statement on the trans-Alaska pipeline to be sent to the attorneys and to Joseph Upik-soun, president, Barrow; Herman Rexford, Kaktovik; John Oktolik, Point Hope; David Kagik, Wainwright; and Riley Morrey, Anaktuvuk Pass; "all parties directly in interest".

On April 13, the Department replied with the following letter:

Frederick Paul, Esq.
Paul, Henry, Wheeler, Burton & Meade
3201 Seattle - First National Bank Building
Seattle, Washington 98154

Dear Mr. Paul:

Concerning your letter to Secretary Morton of March 21, 1972, we regret that we cannot comply with your request for copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement of the Proposed Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Because the Statement is contained in six volumes, and costs \$30.00 per set, we are unable to meet the many public requests for free copies.

Copies of the Statement are, however, available from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22151. The details are contained on the last page of the enclosed News Release.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Nulato School
Nulato, Alaska
DB 5-1210

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, equipment and materials and performing all work for the project described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, May 17, 1972, in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, 226 Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska and then publicly opened.

Plans, specifications and contract documents are available for inspection at: Director's Office, Division of Buildings, 415 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska; Division of Buildings, 1507 Spar Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska; Division of Buildings, Room 110, State Court & Office Building, 602 Barnette Street, Fairbanks, Alaska; Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Department of Public Works, 213 East Fourth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska; Associated General Contractors, Alaska Chapter, 1515 Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska; Associated General Contractors, Plan Room, 1512 Cushman Street, Suite 306, Fairbanks, Alaska; Plan Bureau Office, 824 Fifth Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington; Northwest Construction Council (AGC), 1200 Westlake Avenue, North, No. 310, Seattle, Washington; Associated General Contractors, Tacoma Chapter, 3820 South Pine Street, Tacoma, Washington; SCAN, 5815 Sixth Avenue, South, Seattle, Washington; Construction Plan Bureau, 1675 "C" Street, Room 116, Anchorage, Alaska; Construction Plan Bureau, 801 Barnette Street, Fairbanks, Alaska; Western Alaska Building & Construction Trades Council, 407 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska; Jenkins & Bridges, Architects, 943 West Sixth Avenue, Anchorage.

Complete specifications and bid documents are available upon request without deposit from:

Director, Division of Buildings
Department of Public Works
Pouch P
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Guarantee will be required with each bid equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the base bid. Performance Bond will be required equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract. A Payment Bond will be required equal to fifty percent (50%) of the contract.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Furnish all equipment, labor and materials, necessary for the complete construction of a wood-frame school building of approximately 17,600 square feet with mechanical systems, electrical systems and related site work.

George W. Easley, Commissioner
Department of Public Works

In addition, copies of the Statement are available for inspection at the locations listed in the above mentioned News Release.

Sincerely yours,

David K. Grayson
Attorney
Division of Public Lands

Mr. Paul, a long-time fighter in the struggle to gain the Native

peoples their legal rights, then contacted Senator Henry M. Jackson in Washington, D.C., asking for his assistance in obtaining the needed copies.

"It is simply dreadful," wrote Mr. Paul, "that the Eskimo of the North Slope are not provided copies of the Impact Statement on a voluntary basis, and it is doubly worse to have the Department turn the Eskimos down after a specific request."

"I happen to know," Mr.

Paul continued, "that the Department has given away copies of the nine volumes free to hundreds of applicants - newspapers, news media, libraries, oil companies, environmentalists, etc."

In bringing this to the attention of Howard Rock, Tundra Times editor, Mr. Paul commented very simply but strongly that "The Department's lack of concern for the people of the North Slope . . . simply outrages me."

Environmental

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$47,087 for the design of a facility, for smaller Alaskan villages of 75-125 population which incorporated central waste disposal and provides safe, unpolluted water for drinking and other purposes, Stevens said.

The intent on this design is to develop modular units which are transportable to another location in the event the village is reached by a housing program that has water and sewer service, Stevens said.

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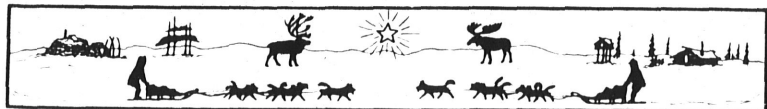
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