

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE PIPELINE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER AS 38.35.070

DONLIN GOLD NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE APPLICATION – ADL 231908
DATED APRIL 9, 2014

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Alaska Statute (AS) 38.35.070, hereby gives notice that Donlin Gold LLC submitted a pipeline right-of-way lease application dated April 9, 2014, in accordance with the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act, AS 38.35.050, for the proposed contract carrier Donlin Gold Natural Gas Pipeline Project.

The proposed Donlin Gold Natural Gas Pipeline Project would transport natural gas from the Beluga Natural Gas Pipeline system to the Donlin Gold mine. The 14-inch diameter pipeline would originate 7.7 miles north of the Beluga Power Plant and terminate at the Donlin Gold mine site, approximately 10 miles north of Crooked Creek Village. The proposed 315-mile-long pipeline will be located across a variety of lands. The approximate length that will be located on land owned by the State of Alaska is 207 miles.

The proposed pipeline would have a maximum operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) and be buried for the majority of the pipeline route. The pipeline right-of-way lease would include one compressor station and one metering station.

Donlin Gold LLC has requested a 150-foot-wide right-of-way for pipeline construction and a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way for operations.

The application is available at the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office (SPCO) website: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pco>. The public may obtain hard copies of the application, at cost, from the SPCO (see address below).

Copies of the application will also be available at the following locations:
Fairbanks Noel Wien Library
Anchorage Loussac Library
Kuskokwim Consortium Library
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AS 38.35.200 governs judicial review of a decision of the Commissioner:

AS 38.35.200 Judicial review of decisions of commissioner on application.

(a) An applicant or competing applicant or a person who has direct financial interest affected by the lease who raises objections within 60 days of the publication of notice under AS 38.35.070 are the only persons with standing to seek judicial review of a decision of the commissioner under AS 38.35.100.

(b) The only grounds for judicial review of a decision of the commissioner are

- 1. failure to follow the procedures set out in this chapter; or*
- 2. abuse of discretion so capricious, arbitrary, or confiscatory as to constitute a denial of due process.*

Any objections pursuant to 38.35.200 must be submitted in writing to the address below by 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2014.

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/s/ David de Gruyter
State Pipeline Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources