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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF HOLITNA BASIN EXPLORATION LICENSE BEST INTEREST FINDING

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Oil and Gas (division) gives notice under AS 38.05.945 that it has denied an exploration license to Holitna Energy Company, LLC.

Best Interest Finding

On October 2, 2006 the division Director issued a final finding and decision under AS 38.05.035(e), with the concurrence of the DNR Commissioner. The finding sets forth the facts, policies and laws upon which the determination was made to deny the application.

The Best Interest Finding is available on the division's web-site: www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil. Copies of the finding are also available for public review at the division's office in Anchorage and the following libraries: Aniak Public Library, Bethel Regional High School Library, George Willis School Library, Jack Egnaty, Sr. School Library, Aniak High School Library, Gusty Michael School Library, and Johnnie John, Sr. School Library. Individuals may obtain copies of the finding free of charge. To order, contact Allison Iversen by phone (907) 375-8237, fax (907) 269-3484 or e-mail Allison_Iversen@dnr.state.ak.us, or write to the division at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Reconsideration and Appeal

This Best Interest Finding is a final administrative decision of DNR. A person who is aggrieved by this finding may request the commissioner to reconsider the decision under AS 35.05.035(i) and (j). To be eligible an appellant must have meaningfully participated in the process to develop the finding by submitting written comments during the prescribed comment period or by presenting oral testimony at a public hearing. A request for reconsideration must be received by 5 p.m. local time, October 23, 2006. Requests for reconsideration must be addressed to: Michael Menge, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; fax 1-907-269-8918; or e-mail dnr_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us. If the commissioner fails to act on the request for reconsideration by November 2, 2006, the request is considered denied.

A denial of a request for reconsideration is the final administrative decision for purposes of appeal to Superior Court. A person may appeal the Final Best Interest Finding to Superior Court only if the person was eligible to request, and did request, an administrative reconsideration of the finding by the commissioner. An appellant must initiate an appeal to the Superior Court within 30 days from the date of denial of that reconsideration or from the date of distribution of the denial decision, in accordance with the rules of court and to the extent permitted by applicable law.

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