

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution Re Expedited Delivery of
Arctic Gas Supply

WHEREAS, The nation's dependency on foreign energy sources continues to grow at an alarming rate at a time when balance of payments and other considerations dictate the need for greater energy self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Vast resources of natural gas have been and are being discovered in the Arctic, that if brought to market in the lower 48 States, could greatly add to our goal of energy self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate has supported an expedited procedure for bringing Arctic gas on stream to American consumers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners hereby expresses its support for similar expedited legislative procedure in the United States House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Congress of the United States, and other responsible Federal agencies to take all necessary action to expedite the authorization of the construction and operation of an Arctic gas delivery system.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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Public Law 94-586
94th Congress

An Act

To expedite a decision on the delivery of Alaska natural gas to United States markets, and for other purposes.

Oct. 22, 1976
[S. 3521]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Alaska Natural
Gas
Transportation
Act of 1976.
15 USC 719 note.

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976".

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

SEC. 2. The Congress finds and declares that—

15 USC 719.

- (1) a natural gas supply shortage exists in the contiguous States of the United States;
- (2) large reserves of natural gas in the State of Alaska could help significantly to alleviate this supply shortage;
- (3) the expeditious construction of a viable natural gas transportation system for delivery of Alaska natural gas to United States markets is in the national interest; and
- (4) the determinations whether to authorize a transportation system for delivery of Alaska natural gas to the contiguous States and, if so, which system to select, involve questions of the utmost importance respecting national energy policy, international relations, national security, and economic and environmental impact, and therefore should appropriately be addressed by the Congress and the President in addition to those Federal officers and agencies assigned functions under law pertaining to the selection, construction, and initial operation of such a system.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEC. 3. The purpose of this Act is to provide the means for making a sound decision as to the selection of a transportation system for delivery of Alaska natural gas to the contiguous States for construction and initial operation by providing for the participation of the President and the Congress in the selection process, and, if such a system is approved under this Act, to expedite its construction and initial operation by (1) limiting the jurisdiction of the courts to review the actions of Federal officers or agencies taken pursuant to the direction and authority of this Act, and (2) permitting the limitation of administrative procedures and effecting the limitation of judicial procedures related to such actions. To accomplish this purpose it is the intent of the Congress to exercise its constitutional powers to the fullest extent in the authorizations and directions herein made, and particularly with respect to the limitation of judicial review of actions of Federal officers or agencies taken pursuant thereto.

15 USC 719a.