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# ARCTIC GAS SUPPLY, DEMAND AND PRICING CONSIDERATIONS

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# Objective of the Presentation

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Source: [www.anwr.com](http://www.anwr.com)

**“Provide Purvin & Gertz’ views with respect to project and market considerations related to Arctic gas”**

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- Employee-owned consultant firm, founded in 1947
- Independent of any holding company, engineering firm, process licensor or any Arctic gas project developer or stakeholder
- Extensive experience on frontier, Arctic and other gas projects
- Therefore, in a position to provide unbiased, sound, and objective views and advice.

# Drivers for Arctic Gas Development



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- **Concerns over current and future gas supply with consequent increase in price**
- **Strong long-term gas demand outlook**
- **Drive to monetize stranded gas assets with impressive and economic potential**
- **Strong stakeholder support**

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# PROJECT AND MARKET CONSIDERATIONS

# Market Drivers

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- Long term future U.S. gas Demand annual about 1.5% (economic growth, electricity sector, competitive pricing)
- Canada around 2% (ibid + energy intensive industrial growth in West)
- A large conventional resource base that can be developed but still need new incremental sources of supply



# Why is Arctic Gas Next?

\$US/MMBtu (Constant 2002 \$) at a Henry Hub Price Equivalent

- **LNG (varies from <\$3.00 to >\$4.00):**
  - low/medium reserve uncertainty but high transportation costs

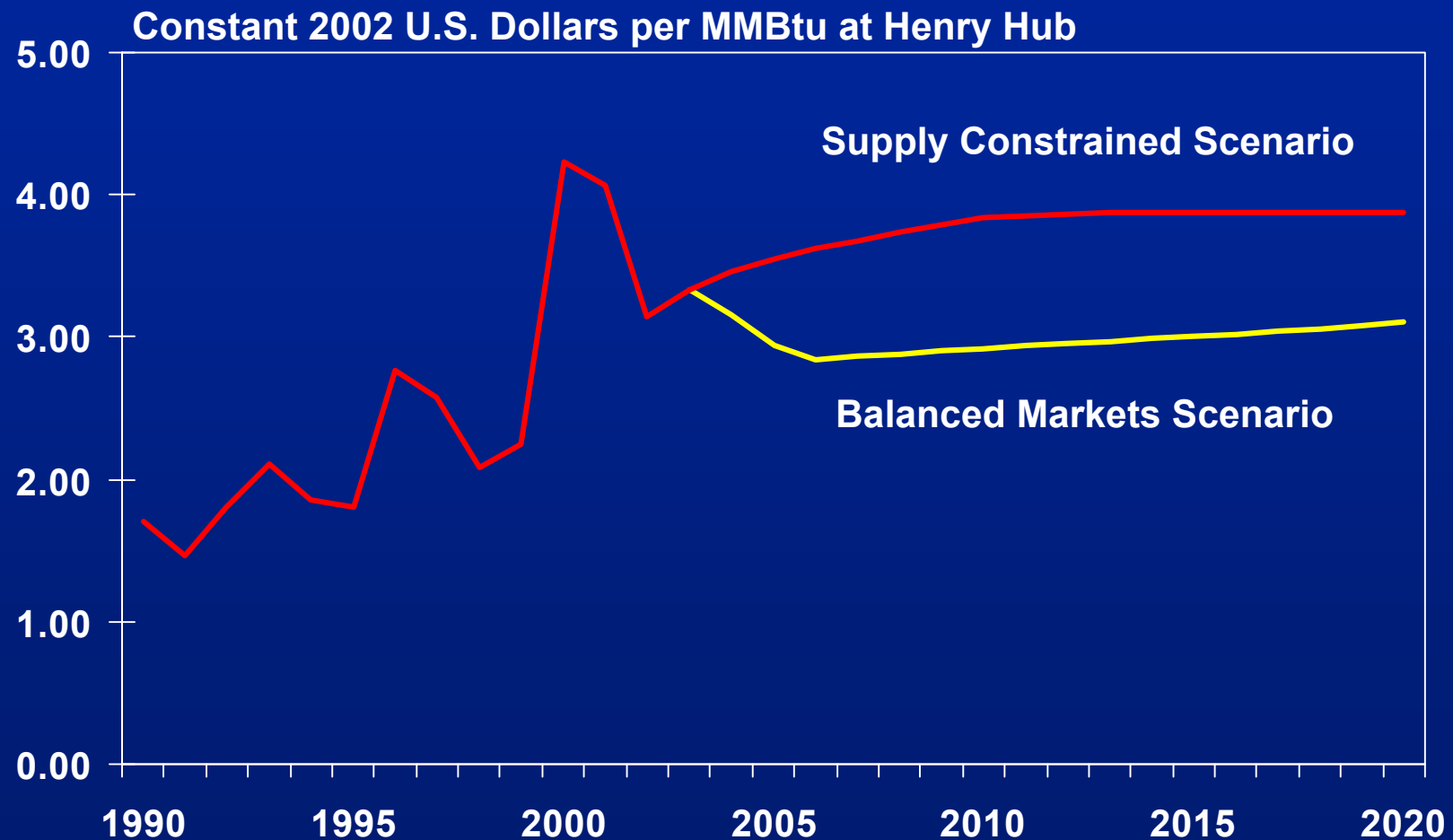
- **Mackenzie Delta gas (>\$3.00):**
  - medium reserve uncertainty but high transportation costs

- **Alaska gas (>\$3.00):**
  - low reserve uncertainty but high transportation costs

- **Other**
  - Scotian Slope and Grand Banks (expensive)
  - Offshore East Coast, CA, BC (out-of-bounds)
  - Mexico (constitution)
  - Hydrates (too speculative)
  - Arctic Islands (too far)
  - Canadian coalbed methane (interesting potential)



# What Prices are Required?





# What are the Pipeline Projects?



## Important Considerations:

- Status
- Routing
- Volumes
- Timing
- Cost and Rates

# Arctic Gas Pipeline Routes

## Alaska Highway Route

Project cost: \$12-20 B

Volume: 4.0 – 5.5 BCF/D

Toll: \$1.20 – 1.90 / MMBtu

North Slope (Pipe, GTL)

Mackenzie Delta

## Mackenzie River Valley

Project Cost: 3-4 B \$

Volume: 1-2 BCF/D

Toll: ± \$1.00 / MMBtu

South Shore

## LEGEND

- ① Mackenzie River Valley
- ② Alaska Highway Route
- ③ Alberta to Chicago Bullit
- Proposed Pipelines
- Existing Pipelines

Note: Constant US\$

## Alberta to Chicago:

Project Cost: 5 - 8 B \$

Volume: ± 4 BCF/D

Toll: \$0.50 – 0.80 / MMBtu

# A Specific Example of Purvin & Gertz Costing

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- **Basic Assumptions**
- **Determine Rate Base**
- **Determine Cost of Service**
- **Determine Unit Cost**

# Basic Assumptions

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## Transportation Cost of Service Model

### Basic Assumptions

Location	Alaska	Canada
Debt/Equity Ratio	60/40	60/40
Cost of Debt, %	8	8
Equity Rate of Return, %	12.5	12.5
Inflation Rate, %/year	2	2
Federal Income Tax, %	35	28
State/Provincial Tax, %	9.4	15.25
Property Tax, %	2	2
Other Taxes, %	0.2	0.2
Depreciation Rate, %	5	5
Revenue Credits, %	0.1	0.1

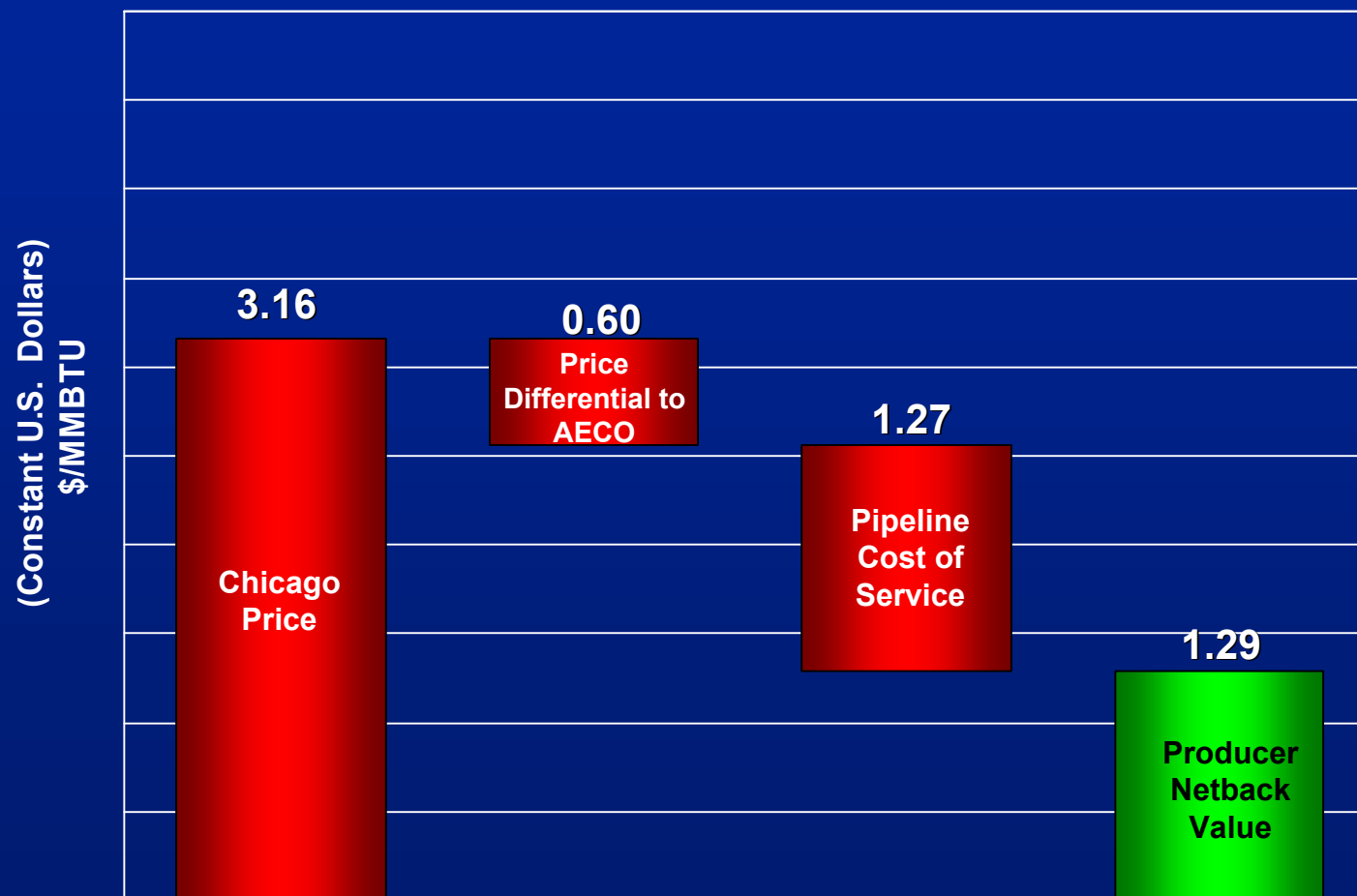
# Gas Pipeline Segment Project Cost Buildup

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<b>CAPEX</b>	<b>Base</b>
<b>Escalation</b>	<b>+ 4%</b>
<b>Project Development</b>	<b>+ 5%</b>
<b>Financing</b>	<b>+ 3%</b>
<b>IDC</b>	<b>+ 8%</b>
<b>WC</b>	<b>+ 1%</b>
<b>= Total Project Cost</b>	

# Netback Derivation for Gas Based on Chicago Price (Balanced Market Scenario)

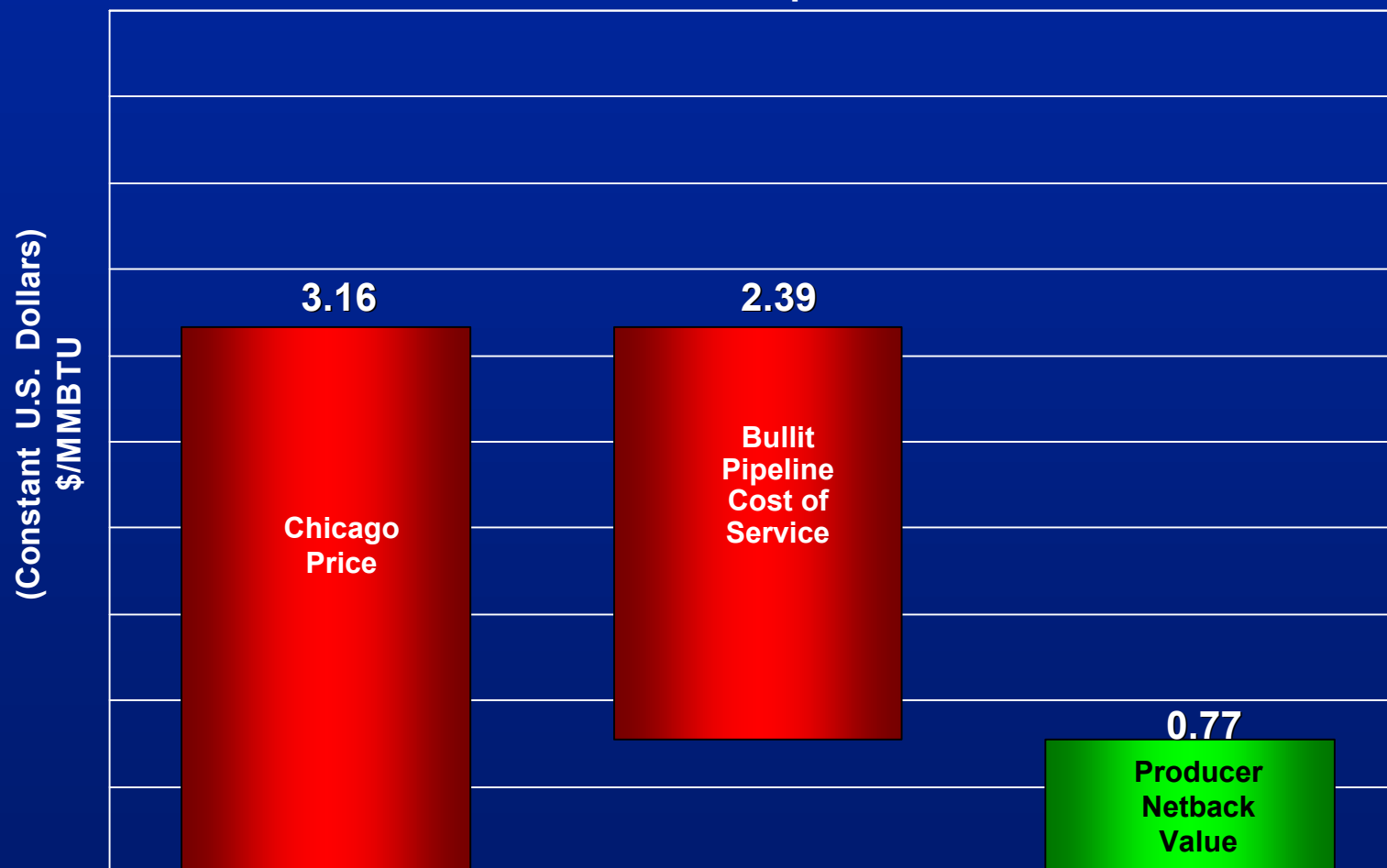
Case: Alaska Hwy 4.0 BCF/D to Alberta in 2011



Note: Alaska to Chicago unit cost = \$1.87 /MMBtu

# Netback Derivation for Gas Based on Chicago Price (Balanced Market Scenario)

Case: One of the Alaskan producers' scenarios with  
Purvin & Gertz price in 2011

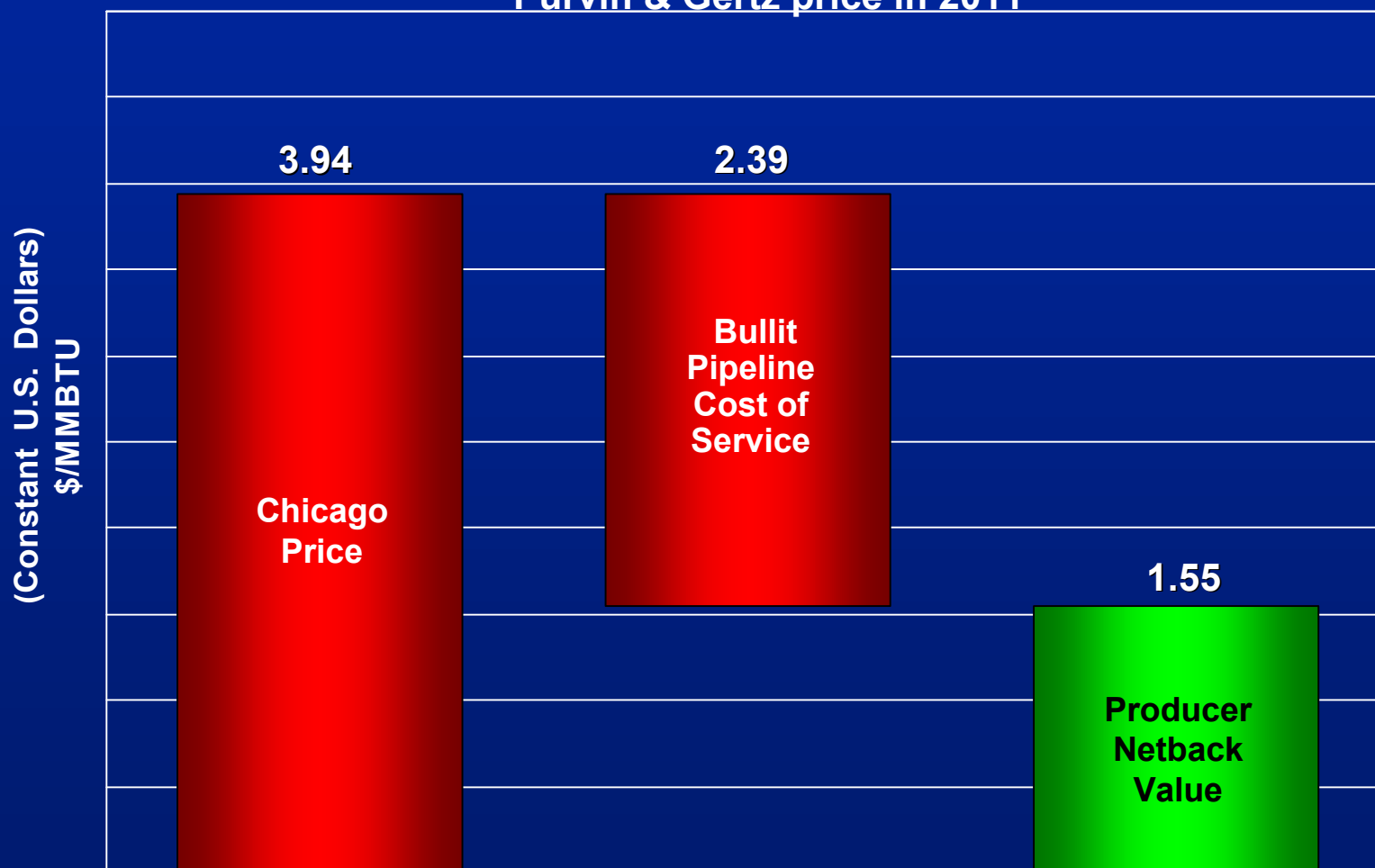


Note: The profitability of this case is insufficient if Purvin & Gertz' Balanced Markets Scenario price and the Alaska producers' tolling scenario are correct.



# Netback Derivation for Gas Based on Chicago Price (Supply Constrained Scenario)

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# What are the Risks?

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- The greatest quantifiable risk elements to the economics of Arctic gas development are market price and project costs
- Lesser risk factors are return on equity, the cost of debt and the debt-equity ratio
- Other “qualitative” risks include politics (Alaska prefers the more costly pipeline route), regulatory and environmental processes (uncertainty, delays, costs), and social (extremely high expectations of benefits)

# Current Challenges

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- **Politics! Politics! Politics! Impact of government intervention?**
- **Local and native support still strong?**
- **Regulatory and environmental processes (Mackenzie vs. ANS)?**
- **Producer and financial community requirements for development?**
- **So it's not just economics and technology!**

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# CONCLUSIONS

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- Strong gas demand outlook remains the fundamental driver for Arctic gas development
- Jockeying for advantage and an adversarial approach has delayed Arctic gas
- Even if there are no “slam dunks”, Purvin & Gertz is optimistic that challenges will be overcome and economic projects in both areas will be developed

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