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Subject: Re: Thanks....and a Letter to the Editor

Thanks back at you!

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To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Sent: Tue Apr 29 19:29:05 2008
Subject: Re: Thanks....and a Letter to the Editor

Wow- that letter to the editor is 100-percent right on... it's reflective of my thinking still: if Big Oil is just blowing smoke then the Owner State needs to find a way to just do this ourselves. Ideally TC and Denali would get it together, and get together, and get this built. But if this go 'round is just more of the same rhetoric (and quasi-threats), then there's got to be a way to tap our resources and build our line ourselves.

Thank you for meeting with Hickel. I know those are time consuming mtgs but I believe they go a long way. Thank you! And thank you both for all you're doing for AK!

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 15:07:56
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>
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Governor,

As you requested, Marty and I met with Governor Hickel and Malcom Roberts this morning to insure we maintain a close working relationship with them. The meeting was very friendly.

We heard the same consistent message from Governor Hickel, "this is an owner state and we need to continue to stand up for what is best for the state". He readily gives credit to you and your Administration for doing that and feels AGIA has been a real success. Governor Hickel remains a firm believer that the owner state should hire someone to build the LNG gasline for us. Governor Hickel and Malcom are going to visit China. They are willing to meet with Marty and me when they get back and let us know what they learned. They are also amenable to take a list of questions we prepare for them that they can ask on the trip.

They were complimentary of the Point Thomson decision. We gave them a high level overview of the sequence necessary for oil and then gas production at PT.

Malcom sent the following for us to read. Thought you would enjoy it. God bless Tom

From: mbroberts@gci.net [mailto:mbroberts@gci.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 11:29 AM

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Subject: Thanks....and a Letter to the Editor

Dear Commissioner:

Thanks to you and Marty for coming by this morning. Did you see the attached?

Malcolm

Letter to the Editor

The oil truth

Chuck Saylor, Healy

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To the editor:

Corporate oil and truth? Rather tough to say in the same sentence.

For more than 30 years, Alaska has heard promises and great plans for development of oil and gas resources. In all that time, there has been no attempt to market gas and little to increase oil production.

If we want to hear any more hollow words from Big Oil, we can just rewind the tapes.

Is it just coincidence that Big Oil is now vowing to move ahead with the construction of the natural gas pipeline, with or without the state? Could it just be a "returned serve" because Alaska has vowed to build the line, with or without Big Oil? It's all like a big game of chess. Now with Mr. Irwin's decision on Point Thompson, Big Oil is saying that without Exxon and Point Thompson in the bid for marketing the resources, their project may have trouble moving forward.

Already looking for a back door out, I'd say.

Alaska does not have to go under hack to corporate greed and warehousing efforts. I believe our governor can see through the smoke from those folks and will take a back seat to no one. We can get it built with or without them, even if we use our Permanent Fund to do it.

Then we can charge them transportation fees and get more royalties. Yes, they can refuse to sell the natural gas they have by lease, but only at the peril of great anger from their stockholders.

They can say what they want in any number of ways and any degree of clarity. It is just words without any action. Rather like a blank round, a lot of noise and smoke but no projectile. I say "go" Mr. Irwin and Governor Palin, corporate oil is not using live ammo.

Leases issued by Alaska to all corporate entities should have a "drop dead" date. No action, no lease, enough said.