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Honorable Ralph Samuels, Chair  
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee  
Alaska State Legislature, State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Samuels:

Thank you for your letter dated February 29, 2008, asking for The Williams Companies' views on certain matters involving the Alaska Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company ("ANNGTC").

We are continuing to evaluate the questions that were included in your letter. It has been a number of years since Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company, the Williams' company that was part of ANNGTC, withdrew from ANNGTC, and formulating a response is taking more time than expected. We will respond as soon as possible, but cannot at this time provide a specific date when that response will be ready.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the status of our response, or would like to follow up on this letter, please feel free to contact Angela Hooper, Senior Attorney, at (918) 573-8370.

Again, thank you for your letter and the opportunity to respond on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. Bender". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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