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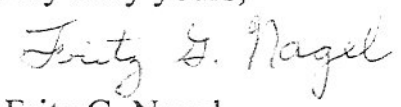
Gentlemen,

Even though I am a retired Marathon Oil Company employee, I respectfully ask that you deny the joint Marathon-Conoco Phillips request for permission to export more natural gas from South Central Alaska. As a geological engineer with many years' experience in exploration, I am convinced that chances of discovering substantial new reserves of this resource in the Cook Inlet Basin are very poor. This opinion applies to both conventional deposits and coalbed methane.

My hope is that the modest local reserve supplements which I anticipate will tide us over until supplies are piped from the North Slope or imported from overseas.

Development of geothermal and new hydroelectric power sources will not arrive in time to forestall the impending crisis here.

Very truly yours,



Fritz G. Nagel