



## RDC of Alaska

### Improving Economics for Pipeline Construction

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Williams Gas Pipeline - West





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## **Company Overview**

Diversified company with holdings in natural gas and petroleum pipelines, refining, energy marketing and trading, exploration and production, telecommunications, and an international satellite and fiber-optic video service.



### Humble Beginnings

1908:



1957: Went public

**1966:** Began pipeline ownership

**1977:** Certificated to Build Alaska Segment of

**Founded by two Williams brothers** 

**ANGTS** 

**1985:** Started fiber network

**1995:** Sold WilTel; Acquired Transco Energy

**Company** 

**1996:** Merged with Nortel Communications

**Systems** 

**1998:** Acquired Mapco

2000: Purchased TransCanada Mid-Stream

**Assets** 





## Vital Statistics (1999)



Employees - 21,700



### **Business Units**

- Gas Pipeline
  - Transco
  - South Central
    - Central
    - Texas Gas
  - West
    - Kern River
    - Northwest



- Energy Services
  - EnergyMarketing &Trading
  - Exploration & Production
  - Midstream Gas& Liquids
  - PetroleumServices



- Communication
  - Solutions
  - Network
  - Applications









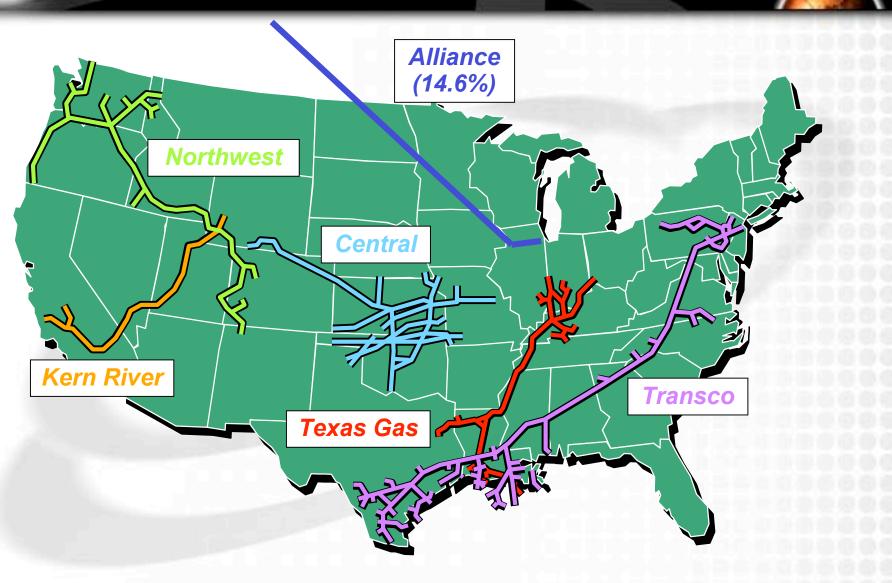
## Gas Pipeline Assets (1999)



- Operating Unit offices in Houston, Salt Lake City, and Owensboro with assets in 30 States
- Throughput
  - Peak Day 15.0 bcfd 17.0 % of US Market
  - Annual 3.7 TCF 22.3 % of US Market
- Pipeline
  - 27,300 miles (43,900 km)
  - Diameters to 48-inch (1220 mm)
- Compression
  - 2.4 million hp (1.8 million kw)
  - 155 Compressor Stations
- 3,586 Employees







## Construction History and Current Proposals

#### Kern River

- \$1 billion
- 700 mmcfd
- Placed in service March 1992

#### Northwest Pipeline Expansion

- \$373 million
- 433 mmcfd added to NWP system
- Placed in service April 1993

#### Buccaneer (offshore)

- \$1.5 billion
- 900 mmcfd
- Projected in service April 2002

#### Independence

- \$678 million
- 916 mmcfd
- Projected in service November 2002

## Advances for Constructing An Arctic Pipeline

- Increased Construction Experience in Arctic Geological and Meteorological Conditions
  - Alyeska Experience
  - Major Canadian Projects
  - Winter Construction Capabilities
- Environmental Knowledge
  - Permitting Process
  - Directional Drills
  - Ice Roads
- Dense Phase Flow
  - Transporting Liquids to Market
- High Pressure Pipeline Systems
  - Above 2000 psig
- High Strength Steels
  - Fracture Toughness Tests
  - Burst Tests
  - Increased Metallurgy Studies
  - Thinner Wall Pipe

# Gas Pipeline Advances for Constructing An Arctic Pipeline

- Larger and More Efficient Compressor Units
- Increased Pipeline Construction Productivity
  - Mechanized Welding
  - More Powerful Trenching Equipment
  - Ditch Preparation and Backfill
- Quicker and More Accurate NDT Results
  - More Efficient Internal NDT Crawlers
  - Continuos Ultrasonic Weld Testing
  - Geometry Pigs and Smart Pigs
- Advanced Project Management Tools
  - Flow Modeling
  - Estimating Software
  - Financial Models
  - Scheduling Software
  - Real Time Cost Tracking
  - Owner/Contractor Relationships



## Gas Pipeline Pipeline Operation Advances



- Higher Quality Construction on New Facilities
  - More Stringent Specifications
  - More Knowledgeable Contractors and Inspectors
  - Operator Input
- Risk Assessment
  - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/Mapping
  - Approved by DOT
- Public Knowledge and Awareness of Pipelines
  - One Call Systems
  - Public Education by Operators



## Gas Pipeline Pipeline Operation Advances



- Pipeline Protection and Reliability
  - Cathodic Protection Systems
  - Protective Coatings
  - Additional Depths of Pipelines
  - Real Time Monitoring
- Inspection Tools
  - High Resolution Smart Pigs
  - Ultrasonic Thickness Gauges
  - Anomaly Evaluation Software
- Remediation Tools
  - Visual Inspections
  - Recoating
  - Clock Springs



# Gas Pipeline Importance of Alaska Gas



- Provides Long Term Domestic Gas Supply
- Adds to Alaska Permanent Fund
- Tax Revenues for Alaska
- Construction Jobs and Permanent Employment for Alaskans





Alaska



## Williams Alaska



- Employs 500 Statewide
- 3+% Owner of TAPS
- Refinery at North Pole (Fairbanks)
  - 70,000 bpd of product
  - 60% of product is Jet Fuel
  - Connected to Trans Alaska Pipeline
  - Produces 40% of Alaska's Jet Fuel
- Terminal Operations at Fairbanks Airport and Port of Anchorage
- Retail Petroleum Outlets (gas stations)
  - 28 Statewide
  - 2nd Largest Retailer of Gasoline in Alaska





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