# Is there any hope for an interstate gas pipeline?



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### Hope for a line depends on 'ifs'

- North American demand growth and higher prices
- And/or take on global competition in Asia-Pacific
- North Slope producers willing to bet on the future
- Long-term, predictable fiscal terms with the state
- State financial participation could lessen project risk
- Alaskans need to measure success not by the last tax dollar but by access to affordable gas and tens of billions in oil and gas investments

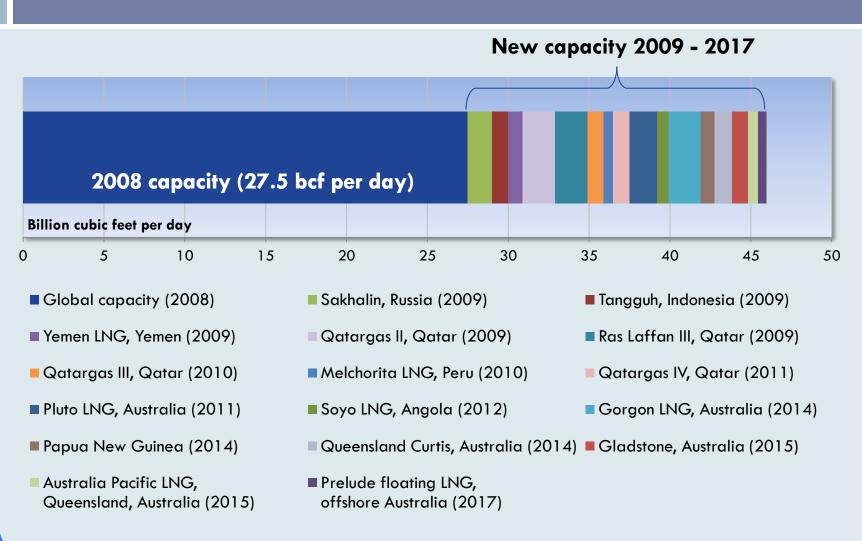


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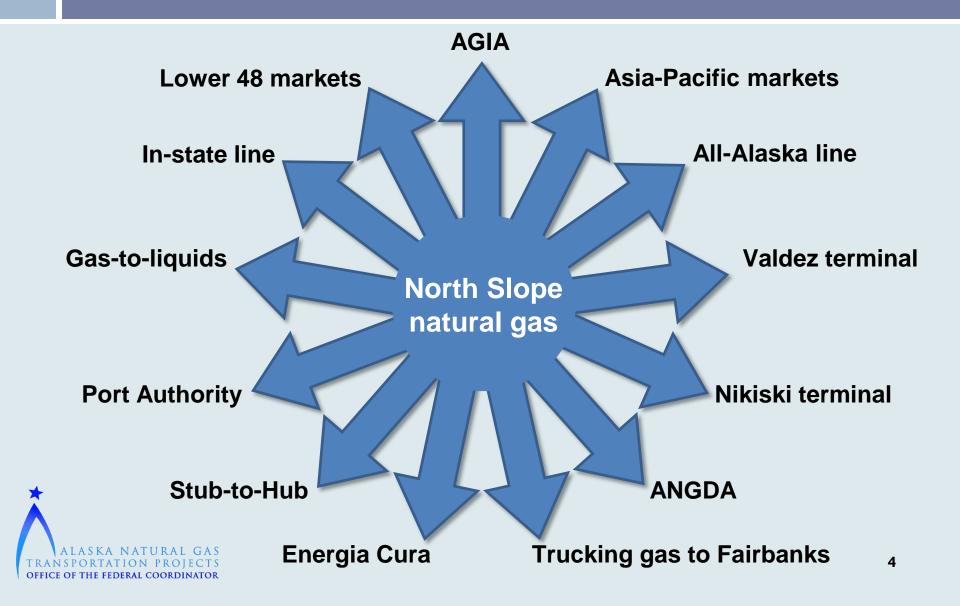
- American Electric, the biggest U.S. producer of coal-fired electricity, plans to retire 6,000 MW of coal production by the end of 2014.
- Southern Co., the biggest U.S. utility owner by market value, will shutter 4,000 MW of coal plants and replace the load with gas.
- Carolina's Progress Energy will phase out 11 of its oldest, dirtiest coal power plants by 2014.
- Coal's share of electrical generation 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. 2011
   was the lowest in 30 years, according to EIA.



#### Global LNG export capacity



#### Pulling in every direction



#### Better to pull in one direction

- "I think the most important thing is that everybody got behind this; there was no disagreement."
- "You can turn the corner here if you can get everybody on the same page."
  - -- Houston attorney Bill Garner; formerly with Spectra Energy,

    Duke Energy, Kinder Morgan; oil and gas projects worldwide

    Anchorage, October 2011



#### Alaska politics

- More Alaskans are warming up to the notion that the state will need to negotiate a fiscal structure that works to enhance gas project economics
- But they are frustrated we don't have a gas line
- Frustration a strong political force, but unproductive
- Alaskans should realize they need a gas line for jobs, affordable gas to meet local needs, and more oil for TAPS and then count the cumulative benefits for decades to come



## Thank you

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