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All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, USCG Arctic District, has received application materials dated June 16, 2025, from the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) to extend the timeline for the construction of five bridges across navigable waterways of the United States. The bridges are part of the larger Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project (AKLNG).

BRIDGE, WATERWAY AND LOCATION:

- (1) Sagavanirktok River-Main Channel (Sag), mile 8.9, approximately 9.5 miles east of Deadhorse, Alaska (70.224550"N, -147.955285"W).
- (2) Tolovana River, mile 143.4, approximately 5 miles southwest of Livengood, Alaska (65.461173"N, -148.633068" W).
- (3) Middle Fork Chulitna River, mile 11.2, approximately 17 miles southwest of Cantwell, Alaska (63.211826"N, -149.326663"W).
- (4) East Fork Chulitna River, mile 8.3, approximately 19.8 miles southwest of Cantwell, Alaska (63.172206"N, -149.360919"W).
- (5) Deshka River, 8.9, approximately 10.6 miles northwest of Willow, Alaska (61.793293"N, -150.34713"W).

CHARACTER OF WORK:

The applicant AGDC proposes to construct the AKLNG, an integrated liquefied natural gas (LNG) project with two interdependent facilities for the primary purpose of transporting liquefied natural gas from Alaska for export, and also for in-state deliveries of natural gas. As part of the project, the applicant requested an extension of time to construct four new design/build, temporary vehicle bridges and one permanent pipeline bridge across the five locations noted above along the 807-mile, 42-inch main line. The proposed permanent pipeline bridge will cross the Sagavanirktock River. The temporary vehicle bridges will cross the Tolovana, Middle Fork Chulitna, East Fork Chulitna, and Deshka Rivers. The temporary vehicle bridges are anticipated to be in place to support the project's construction between 2025-2032.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

	<u>Horizontal Clearance</u>	<u>Vertical Clearance</u>
	(at OHW)	(above OHW)
Sagavanirktok River	20 feet	12 feet (OHW=9 feet)
Tolovana River	80 feet	10 feet (OHW=406 feet)
Middle Fork Chulitna River	70 feet	8 feet (OHW=2020 feet)
East Fork Chulitna River	70 feet	8 feet (OHW=1901)
Deshka River	60 feet	18 feet (OHW=98 feet)

Ordinary High Water (OHW) based on NAVD88 Datum.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The facilitating agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) under FAST-41is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC acts on behalf of the Coast Guard for environmental laws with regard to this project. In March 2020, FERC issued the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and on May 21, 2020, issued an authorization to construct and operate the AKLNG. On September 11, 2020, the U.S. Coast Guard concurred that the proposed action would not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and made a determination to adopt the EIS and issue a Record of Decision. The FERC NEPA documents are available via this website: https://alaska-lng.com/regulatory-process/ferc-process/. The U.S. Coast Guard documents are available upon request.

A water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for this project was issued by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on June 19, 2020. This project will impact 5,346 acres of wetlands. The project site lies outside of any designated Coastal Zone Management areas. The bridges are located in the flood plain. The 100 year flood and low chord elevations are listed below for each bridge.

<u>100 Year Flood</u>	Low Chord
12 feet	21 feet
410 feet	418 feet
2023 feet	2028 feet
1904 feet	1909 feet
105 feet	111 feet
	410 feet 2023 feet 1904 feet

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

We request that mariners comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including the need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, etc. to the relevant expertise agency for consideration. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email at Clinton.L.Scott@uscg.mil for 30 days after the publish date of this notice.

Map of locations and plans are attached.

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By direction of the Commander,
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