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To amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to promote the availability of affordable, clean-burning natural gas to North American markets, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Natural Gas
5 Transportation Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPOR-**
 2 **TATION PROJECT.**

3 Section 102 of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act
 4 (15 U.S.C. 720) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and
 5 inserting the following:

6 “(2) ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION
 7 PROJECT.—The term ‘Alaska natural gas transpor-
 8 tation project’ means—

9 “(A) any natural gas pipeline system that
 10 carries Alaska natural gas to a market (includ-
 11 ing related facilities subject to the jurisdiction
 12 of the Commission) that is authorized under—

13 “(i) the Alaska Natural Gas Trans-
 14 portation Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 719 et
 15 seq.); or

16 “(ii) section 103; and

17 “(B) any pipeline segment that the Com-
 18 mission finds could feasibly be incorporated into
 19 and serve as an integrated segment of the sys-
 20 tem described in subparagraph (A) (including
 21 the construction and operation of the segment),
 22 which shall be subject to this Act and the juris-
 23 diction of the Commission under the Natural
 24 Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717 et seq.), regardless of
 25 whether the segment—

1 “(i) is proposed and constructed prior
 2 to the construction of the entire system de-
 3 scribed in subparagraph (A); or

4 “(ii) initially transports Alaska nat-
 5 ural gas solely for delivery to consumers
 6 within the State of Alaska.”.

7 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL COORDINATOR.**

8 Section 106(c) of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline
 9 Act (15 U.S.C. 720d(c)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” after
 11 the semicolon;

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
 13 the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(3) providing Federal agencies with com-
 16 prehensive information about Alaska natural gas
 17 transportation projects, including industry develop-
 18 ments, market factors, technology, and regulatory
 19 issues that could affect the Alaska natural gas
 20 transportation projects.”.

21 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE.**

22 Section 168(i)(16) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 23 1986 is amended—

24 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 25 by striking “the State of Alaska” and inserting “the

1 area in the State of Alaska lying north of 64 degrees
2 North latitude”, and

3 (2) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
4 the following:

5 “(A) carries Alaska natural gas from the
6 area of the United States (within the meaning
7 of section 638(1)) lying north of 64 degrees
8 North latitude to a market, and”.

9 **SEC. 5. LOCATION OF GAS TREATMENT PLANTS.**

10 Section 43(c)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of
11 1986 is amended—

12 (1) by striking clause (i), and

13 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
14 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

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