

**Board of Directors, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Resolution 2003/04-11
In support of Alpine Satellites Draft EIS Alternative A**

WHEREAS, ConocoPhillips and their partner Anadarko Petroleum have made multiple discoveries in the vicinity of the Alpine field and are proposing to develop them as satellites; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with five alternatives and has asked for public comment; and

WHEREAS, three of the Alpine satellites are within the National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPRRA), an area designated by Congress for the production of energy resources that will enhance our nation's energy and economic security; and

WHEREAS, this development project will generate almost \$600 million in revenues to the State of Alaska and the federal government, as well as provide new revenue and economic activity for the North Slope Borough; and

WHEREAS, local and regional employment opportunities, including more than 500 positions during construction, will add jobs to the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry has demonstrated that it can and will, operate safely using technologies that are protective of North Slope environmental resources and subsistence activities; and

WHEREAS, the surface area impacted by these five satellites is about three-tenths of one percent of the total plan area being considered by BLM; and

WHEREAS, Alternative A balances responsible development with environmental concerns and is the most technologically sound and economically feasible of the alternatives presented in the Draft EIS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce supports Alternative A as an environmentally balanced approach, with the most cost effective development plan, that will provide significant revenue to the local, state and federal governments, as well as provide jobs and income for Alaskan workers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Alpine Satellite Development Plan EIS Entrix Project Office, the Governor, the Anchorage Mayor, the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, other local chambers of commerce; and Statewide media.

Approved the 20th Day of February, 2004

George Vakalis Chair 2003-2004

Stacy Schubert, President