

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #17-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, SUPPORTING GENERATING FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS RAILWAY CORPORATION'S PROPOSAL FOR A PURPOSE-BUILT RAILWAY FROM FT. MCMURRAY AND THE PEACE RIVER REGIONS OF ALBERTA CONNECTING TO THE PACIFIC TIDEWATER PORT OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

WHEREAS, Canada is rich in natural resources in the Western Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS, many of these resources are land-locked without economic access for export at Pacific tidewater; and

WHEREAS, Generating for Seven Generations Corp. has developed an alternative solution utilizing railway to unlock the bottleneck for transporting Canadian oil, mineral and other commodities to offshore markets; and

WHEREAS, Generating for Seven Generations Corp. proposal will be supported and approved by directly-affected First Nations complete with equity ownership; and

WHEREAS, the villages of the Upper Tanana have provided written consent of approval for a proposed rail line by Generating for 7 Generations that will go from Alberta Canada through the traditional land of the Upper Tanana to Delta junction; and

WHEREAS, the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors support the proposed rail line through the Upper Tanana from Canada to Delta Junction; and

WHEREAS, Generating for Seven Generations received a letter of support from Mayor Dave Cobb from the City of Valdez in 2013; and

WHEREAS, increasing oil throughput to the Port of Valdez would provide value to the economics of the City of Valdez, the State of Alaska, Canada, and multiple Asian nations; and

WHEREAS, the shipping distances to and from Asia via Port Valdez is 2 days by boat and 1 day shorter by barge than other west coast ports; and

WHEREAS, port access in Alaska will allow Asian shippers to unload their cargo bound for US and Canadian markets closer to the point of origin which would speed up delivery time and reduce freight costs; and

WHEREAS, the connection of rail to Alaskan ports will enhance the economic viability for the development of mineral deposits located along the rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and strategic value of this project will further develop economic sustainability of all peoples along the route,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

The City Council of the City of Valdez supports Generating for Seven Generations Railway Corporation's proposal for a purpose-built railway from Ft. McMurray and the Peace River Regions of Alberta, connecting to the Pacific tidewater Port of Valdez, Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Ruth E. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk