

Dave Harbour, Publisher
Northern Gas Pipelines
2440 E. Tudor Rd., #463
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

November 11, 2015

Lauren Boldrick, Project Manager
BOEM, Alaska OCS Region
3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99503

Regarding the Liberty Project and Timely Approval Thereof

Dear Project Manager Boldrick:

At an earlier time of my life, I served with the United Nations Command in I Corps (GP) on the Korean DMZ. This is a photo of a hat I obtained while inspecting the most dangerous guard post in the world, at Panmunjom, part of our area of responsibility. I wore it today in a Veterans Day ceremony.



Enabling us to defend America in many conflicts and wars over the years has required a strong nation.

The foundation upon which America's economic strength rests, has been the energy and mineral wealth of the country.

The Liberty Project is not only meritorious from the viewpoint of properly fulfilling leasing and permitting requirements. It also provides the potential for enhanced throughput in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). Taps is an economic umbilical cord for the state of Alaska. It is also a conduit of economic strength benefitting the entire country.

During this time of national economic and job challenges, increasing America's balance of payments position, employment and GDP through domestic production that displaces imports is essential.

A successful Liberty Project not only adds over 50K barrels of oil daily to TAPS throughput and our national wealth, it also increases our country's Arctic presence at a time when other not so friendly nations are making historically huge military and transportation investments in that energy-rich domain.

Accordingly, I urge BOEM and its colleague, regulatory agencies to act in a timely way—in the national interest--to [complete required reviews and grant approval for Hilcorp to proceed](#) with this essential project.

Respectfully,

Dave Harbour