



43 WHEREAS, If approved by the RCA, BPPA's operational responsibilities to Alyeska  
44 Pipeline Service Co. would be transferred to Harvest Alaska, LLC; and  
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46 WHEREAS, Comments by Hilcorp Alaska, LLC representatives assert that Harvest  
47 Alaska, LLC and/or Hilcorp Alaska, LLC intends to reduce operating costs, which would likely  
48 adversely impact funding for programs and personnel dedicated to safety, maintenance, and  
49 quality control for the Valdez Marine Terminal and associated tankers; and  
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51 WHEREAS, In PWSRCAC's comments to RCA on Docket No. P-19-017, the organization  
52 documents a history by Hilcorp Alaska, LLC of regulatory noncompliance and safety and  
53 environmental incidents which include the death of an employee in 2018, the near deaths of  
54 three rig personnel in 2015, and a 2017 gas leak in Cook Inlet that remained unrepaired for  
55 more than four months while it leaked roughly 100,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day; and  
56 more recently, Hilcorp Alaska, LLC is reportedly responsible for a 302-gallon crude spill on  
57 August 3, 2019 and a 126-gallon crude spill on October 20, 2019; and according the Alaska  
58 Department of Environmental Conservation records, over the course of its operations in  
59 Alaska, which began in 2012, Hilcorp Alaska, LLC is responsible for more than 90 crude oil spills  
60 or discharges; and  
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62 WHEREAS, The RCA has the authority under AS 42.06 to prescribe such requirements as  
63 are necessary for the safety, accommodation, and convenience of the public and of the  
64 pipeline's users and to place terms and conditions on the transfer of operating authority  
65 sufficient to ensure the best interest of the public is protected.  
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67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, provides the  
68 following comments to the RCA on Docket No. P-19-017 in the matter of the joint application  
69 filed by BPPA and Harvest Alaska, LLC for approval of the transfer of a certification of public  
70 convenience and necessity No. 311 and operating authority thereunder from BPPA to Harvest  
71 Alaska, LLC:

- 72 • Hold Harvest Alaska, LLC to the same high standard as BPPA for its portion of the  
73 management of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. and the operation of the Trans-Alaska  
74 Pipeline, Valdez Marine Terminal, and tanker loading and escort operations.
- 75 • Ensure that existing dismantlement, removal, and restoration requirements of the  
76 Trans Alaska Pipeline and Valdez Marine Terminal remain in place or are improved  
77 upon.
- 78 • Require public access to information sufficient to assess whether the transfer of  
79 operating authority from BPPA to Harvest Alaska, LLC is in the best interest of the  
80 public.
- 81 • Require terms and conditions sufficient to ensure the transfer of operating authority is  
82 in the public's best interest.
- 83 • Establish conditions for approval of the Application consistent with the  
84 recommendations set forth in these comments and specifically incorporating those


85 conditions suggested in the 1999 Charter for Development of the Alaskan North Slope  
86 between the State of Alaska, BP, and ARCO relating to ongoing obligations to maintain  
87 programs, personnel, and resources to safely and reliably operate the Valdez Marine  
88 Terminal and associated tankers.

- 89 • An oil company's social license to operate in Alaska requires placing environmental,  
90 employee, contractor, and public safety above all else.

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92 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

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CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

100 ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



Fiscal note: N/A