

Objection to Resolution 2016-032

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Date: June 16, 2016

Dear Kenai Borough Assembly Members;

Reference: Resolution 2016-032 - A resolution to Form the Funny River East Utility Special Assessment District and Proceed with the Improvement

Description: The proposed formation of a utility special assessment district for the purpose of providing natural gas to the area of Funny River.

I am writing to strongly object to the above Resolution 2016-032 for the following reasons.

Financial Concerns:

Due to disabilities I am limited to the types of jobs I can work - therefore I am on a limited income. I believe that the assessments, the subsequent interest, and the possibility of paying higher property taxes, will have a detrimental effect on my finances and could possibly cause me to lose my home or make it necessary for me to sell my property.

The proposed assessment fees are only being assessed to a limited amount of owners so the assessment fees will be very high. I would not be able to pay these fees in a lump sum so I would also have to pay interest on the fees. At this time I do not have running water or a septic system. The amount of the fees and subsequent interest will make it impossible for me to be able to afford the basic amenities such as running water and a septic system in the near future.

Limited Benefits of the Pipeline:

Most of the people on the road where I live are only there a few months during the summer. There are 4-5 families that live there year round. I believe that like my circumstances, they are on a limited income. I already have heating system in place. Why would I want to spend thousands of dollars to change over when I am on a fixed income - especially since I would not be able to afford to have natural gas run to my cabin?

Even though I would have access to the gas pipeline I would not use it as the costs to get the natural gas to my cabin would be very high. I already have a heating system and an efficient way to cook my meals.

My first priority would be to put in a well, plumbing, and a septic system as these are amenities that I need now and do not have. I do not see where the natural gas pipeline would benefit me at any time in the near future and would only serve to make it financially impossible for me to afford basic necessities such as plumbing, running water and a septic system.

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In January 2016 there was a natural gas explosion in Kenai Alaska. Enstar found that the cause of the gas leak and subsequent explosion was due to the earthquake. The gas line will be going directly through my property. Can you assure me that this will not happen if there is another major earthquake?

Since I am located 17 miles out of town, if there is a gas leak what is the time it will take for the gas line to be shut off and for Enstar to reach the site. It takes approximately 45 minutes from Soldotna to my location.

I am also in an area where there is a high risk of forest fires. In the past few years the fires have come within a few miles of my home/property. I feel that having a natural gas pipeline will only increase the chances of major damages in the event of wildfires. I have taken precautions against wildfires, but there are no precautions I can take in case the natural gas pipeline explodes.

Personal Views:

I feel that I am being forced to pay for services that I am unable to afford, won't be able to use, and wouldn't use even if I could afford it. I question who is actually benefitting from the natural gas pipeline.

I would like to see a record of how many property owners are objecting to this Resolution.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the reasons for my strong objections to Resolution 2016-032 please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Kenai Peninsula Borough :

This is my formal letter of objection to Resolution 2016-032 regarding the formation of the Funny River East Utilities Special Assessment District and the subsequent "improvement" of the natural gas line. I am a year round resident of Alaska and consider R2016-032 an encroachment of the rights of parcel owners who oppose this movement.

I have no interest in the development of the natural gas pipeline and I am highly motivated in its opposition. Furthermore, it is my belief that not all facts have been considered by all parcel owners:

- Cost of heating and cooking system retrofit
- Unpredictable cost of natural gas
- Route selection of the pipeline: the exclusion/inclusion of specific parcels
- Tax assessment increases to affected properties, regardless of actual use
- Interest levied upon those who cannot pay the balance

It is troubling to know that those who wish to proceed with this gas line are so conceited not to consider the cost burden they are imposing onto fellow neighbors who will not benefit. I would like to know how the vote percentage is distributed and how the yes vote could be 0.19% in favor. I request a transcript of the petition for review. In closing, I suggest that the parcel owners who voted yes to R2016-032 split the cost amongst themselves and we end this matter.



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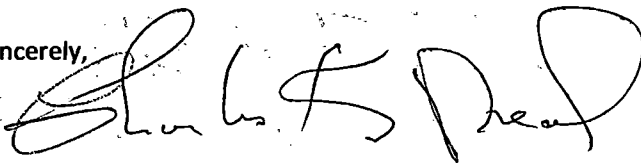
Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members:

I OPPOSE Resolution 2016-032. If my signature appears on the petition, REMOVE it.

I DO NOT want the gas line in my community. If there are enough people wanting gas line in this area, the individuals interested SHOULD pay to have it in the community. The manipulation of gas line route, to get their 60%+ in favor of this proposal is very clear. Every parcel in ALL subdivisions crossed by the gasline should be included in this decision, not just a select few.

If in the future I chose to use gas utility, I will pay for it then. I SHOULD NOT be forced to pay for something I DO NOT want and am not using. Let the gas company that receives tax credits, has a multimillions in yearly earnings and the individuals who are WANTING IT pay for the infrastructure for this utility expense, for they are the ones benefiting from this development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles K Neal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

Charles K Neal