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**Decision of No Substantial New Information
North Slope Foothills Areawide 2007**

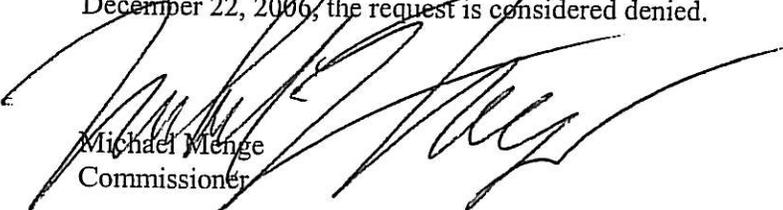
The North Slope Foothills Areawide 2007 Oil and Gas Lease Sale is scheduled for February 28, 2007. Under AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(F), a written finding is not required for an oil and gas lease sale of acreage that was subject to a best interest finding within the previous 10 years unless the commissioner determines that substantial new information has become available that justifies a supplement to the most recent best interest finding for an exempt oil and gas lease sale acreage. The North Slope Foothills Areawide 2007 re-offer sale is subject to the written best interest finding issued February 7, 2001, and supplemented January 30, 2002.

On June 28, 2006 the Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) issued a Call for New Information requesting any substantial new information regarding DO&G's proposal to re-offer for lease, in the North Slope Foothills Areawide 2007 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, tracts that were available following the North Slope Foothills Areawide 2006 lease sale. DO&G received one comment in response to the Call for New Information:

1) The Office of Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP), Department of Natural Resources stated it had no significant new information to provide.

The Department of Natural Resources has determined that there is no substantial new information regarding tracts available after the 2006 lease sale; therefore a supplement to the best interest finding is not justified at this time.

A person who is aggrieved by this decision may request the Commissioner to reconsider the decision under AS 38.05.035(i) and (j). To be eligible, an appellant must have meaningfully participated in the process by submitting written comments during the prescribed comment period. A request for reconsideration must be received by the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; received by fax at 1-907-269-8918; or sent by email to dnr_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us by 5:00 p.m. (local time), December 12, 2006. If the Commissioner fails to act on the request for reconsideration by December 22, 2006, the request is considered denied.


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