

Introduced by: Council Member Williams
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CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 09-19

REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INQUIRE INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONSENT DECREE BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA AND CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, INC. CROWLEY MARITIME CORPORATION; NORTHLAND FUEL, LLC; YUKON FUEL COMPANY; NORTHLAND VESSEL LEASING COMPANY LLC; AND YUTANA BARGE LINES, LLC., IN ACHIEVING ITS INTENDED GOAL OF PREVENTING A MONOPOLISTIC MARKET AND TO ALLOW FOR FAIR COMPETITION

WHEREAS, communities within Western Alaska like much of the country are facing exorbitant fuel charges, unfortunately the prices paid by communities within Western Alaska are established by a small number of distributors operating within this region;

WHEREAS, to insure a competitive market rate would be maintained and to prevent Crowley Marine Services from establishing market power over the regions fuel sources, a consent decree was produced and ordered;

WHEREAS, without an annual or bi-annual operational review and compliance verification of the consent decree, the communities affected by the transaction of fuel cannot be comfortable in knowing they are being charged fairly for the product;

WHEREAS, reviewing the market rate for storage and use, in conjunction with the consent decree will confirm the business practices between Crowley Marine Services and their only local competitor Delta Western, are in the fair interest of the communities they service;

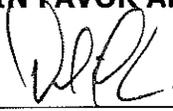
WHEREAS, because of the market control Crowley Marine Services has on this region and its competitors it is in the best interest of every surrounding community to have a review of continued fulfillment and effectiveness of the consent decree;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council hereby requests the State of Alaska Attorney General to inquire into the effectiveness of the Consent Decree between the State of Alaska and Crowley Marine Services, Inc.; Crowley Maritime Corporation; Northland Fuel, LLC.; Yukon Fuel Company; Northland Vessel Leasing Company LLC.; and Yutana Barge

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Lines, LLC., in achieving its intended goal of preventing a monopolistic market and to allow for fair competition.

ENACTED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2009 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk