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File #: ACSTP-0001(277)/56047

Mr. Gary Reimer, Acting Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management
6881 Abbott Loop Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

SUBJECT: Knik Arm Crossing Environmental Impact Statement
Request to Participate as a Cooperating Agency

Dear Mr. Reimer:

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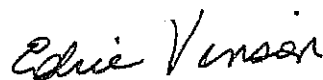
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Ms. Marcia Combes, Director, Alaska Operations
EPA, Alaska Operations
222 W. 7th Avenue, Box 19
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

SUBJECT: Knik Arm Crossing Environmental Impact Statement
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MARAD
400 7th Street SW #7206
Washington, D.C. 20590

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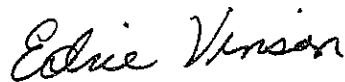
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U.S. Geological Survey
1011 E. Tudor Rd.
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife
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NOAA/NMFS Anchorage
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Anchorage, Alaska 99513

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U.S. Coast Guard Juneau
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Juneau, Alaska 99802

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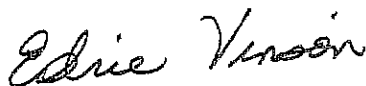
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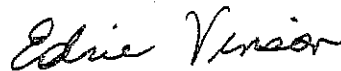
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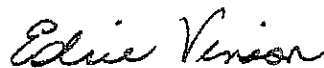
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File #: ACSTP-0001(277)/56047

Mayor Tim Anderson
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
350 East Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645

SUBJECT: Knik Arm Crossing Environmental Impact Statement
Request to Participate as a Cooperating Agency

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Mr. Bill Jeffress
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
550 West 7th Avenue, #1400
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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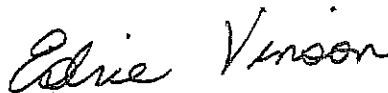
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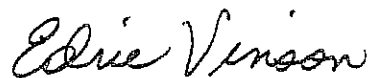
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