

MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE INQUIRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS BY EACH OF

(a) CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE LIMITED FOR A  
RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT MIGHT BE GRANTED ACROSS  
CROWN LANDS WITHIN THE YUKON TERRITORY AND  
THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, and

(b) FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY  
THAT MIGHT BE GRANTED ACROSS CROWN LANDS  
WITHIN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND ECONOMIC IMPACT REGIONALLY OF THE CONSTRUCTION,  
OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT ABANDONMENT OF THE ABOVE  
PROPOSED PIPELINE

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Berger, Commissioner)

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7 THE COMMISSIONER: Well ladies and gentlemen, I'll call our hearing to order.

8 I am Judge Berger and I am conducting an inquiry into

9 the proposal to build a gas pipeline to bring natural

10 gas from the Arctic to markets in southern Canada and

11 the United States.

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13 There are, as you know, two pipeline companies that want to build the pipeline. One

14 of them, Foothills Pipelines, wants to build a pipeline

15 to carry gas from the MacKenzie Delta south along the

16 MacKenzie Valley to connect with Alberta's natural gas

17 system. The other company, Arctic Gas, wants to build a

18 pipeline that would bring gas from Prudhoe Bay in Alaska

19 along the north slope of Alaska and the north slope of

20 the Yukon to the MacKenzie Delta and would join c.

21 there with a line from the MacKenzie Delta and then the

22 gas would be taken south along the MacKenzie Valley down

23 through Southern Canada and the United States.

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25 Now, I have been appointed by the Government of Canada under an order to consider

26 what the impacts would be in the Yukon and the

27 Northwest Territories if this gas pipeline were built,

28 and to make recommendations to the Government regarding

29 the terms and conditions under which a gas pipeline

30 should be built, if one is to be built.





1 pipe, and if it were to be purchased in Japan, some of it  
2 might have to be brought through Skagway by sea and then  
3 by rail or by, truck to Whitehorse and then b truck to  
4 Dawson and over the Dempster to the MacKenzie Delta.  
5 Those are some of the issues that may interest you, but  
6 let me make it plain that I want to hear from you about  
7 any aspect of this pipeline proposal tonight that you  
8 want to discuss with me. You don't have to have a  
9 written brief, you just feel free to tell me vat you  
10 think about it, and to take all the time that you need.  
11 We are not going to have any lawyers badgering you or  
12 anything, like that, this is just a conversation between  
13 you and me.

14 I will ask you to be sworn,  
15 however, and ask you if you wouldn't mind, to come  
16 forward to this table where you can be seated at one of  
17 these microphones or if you want to stand by one of  
18 these microphones, you are welcome to do that too. So,  
19 with that introduction I think I should tell you that  
20 the people seated at the table at my right are Miss  
21 Hutchinson, the secretary of the inquiry, will swear  
22 you in; the young ladies with the masks that they keep  
23 trading are simply recording everything that you say on  
24 tape so that it can be transcribed so there will be a  
25 permanent record of everything that is said in .this  
26 inquiry, and so that I can go back and read and re-  
27 read, if necessary, things you have said tonight that  
28 deserve to be given further consideration.

29 The remainder of the people  
30 at the table are the C.B.C. broadcasting team from



1 | Mr. Wing.

2 | MR. WING: Everything we have  
3 | heard about this inquiry, we have got so far over T.V.  
4 | and one thing that bothers me, my friends and I think  
5 | most Canadians, is we have had several native people  
6 | get up and have threats of violence. They are going to  
7 | arm themselves, they are going to blow up the pipeline,  
8 | things like that. Well, most Canadians are law  
9 | abiding. Would this same privilege be granted to the  
10 | white community if they got up and said they were going  
11 | to hold up the pipeline by blasting and by arming  
12 | themselves? Your lack of comment when the Indian  
13 | Chiefs got up and said this, either makes you condone  
14 | it or at least tolerate it, and threats like that have  
15 | always been against the law as far as I am concerned.

16 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
17 | anything else?

18 | MR. WING: Well, do you  
19 | condone that? Are the white community allowed to bring  
20 | these same threats forward?

21 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well let's  
22 | remember that this is an inquiry, and that I'm anxious  
23 | that people in each community and white people and  
24 | native people should have an opportunity of expressing  
25 | their views to me.

26 | Now, it must be obvious that  
27 | there is very deep-seated opposition in native commu-  
28 | nities that I've visited to this pipeline proposal, and  
29 | some people have made statements that go very far.  
30 | Now, I'll have something to say about all of this in



1 | is granted to the white community without no  
2 | recriminations or anything, like they are going to blow  
3 | up an Indian village, they are going to threaten the  
4 | natives and things like that? That's exactly what they  
5 | did -- swore on a Bible.

6 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well that  
7 | is something that you're entitled to have your own  
8 | judgment upon. I don't intend to pass judgment on any  
9 | aspect of this inquiry or on anything anyone has said  
10 | until I have heard everybody and until I am ready to  
11 | report to the Government of Canada.

12 | Now, I don't think you and I  
13 | are going to get much further on this --

14 | MR. WING: No, we are not  
15 | going to get very far. A crime has been committed in  
16 | front of you and nothing has been done about it.

17 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well sir,  
18 | that is it was a crime committed, if it was a crime in  
19 | the presence of hundreds of people, including if I may  
20 | be allowed to say so, the local R.C.M.P. officer, and  
21 | these are matters for the law enforcement authorities  
22 | and not for me, assuming that they are matters that the  
23 | law enforcement authorities feel come within the  
24 | purview of the criminal law, and not for me.

25 | MR. WING: To comment?

26 | THE COMMISSIONER: That is  
27 | what I've been trying to make plain to you for the last  
28 | few minutes.

29 | MR. WING: Thank you.

30 | (WITNESS ASIDE)

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, sir?

2

3 CHRIS PEARSON Sworn:

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5 MR. PEARSON: My name is  
6 Chris Pearson, and I am an officer of the local  
7 Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

8 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr.  
9 Pearson.

10 MR. PEARSON: Mr. Justice  
11 Berger, the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce is in  
12 favour of the construction of a pipeline or pipelines  
13 to transport the gas resources of the north to the  
14 southern parts of the continent. We do feel, however,  
15 that although any pipeline constructed might be used  
16 jointly by our friends, the Americans, to get their  
17 Prudhoe Bay gas to southern markets and by-producers of  
18 Canadian gas-from the Delta and Eagle Plains' areas,  
19 such origins of the gas should be closely monitored and  
20 Canadian produced gas should be used only for Canadian  
21 industry.

22 We are saying, in effect,  
23 that we do not think Canada should sell any more of  
24 this non-renewable resource but should rather maintain  
25 it for our own use and benefit. We also think that the  
26 Federal Government should announce immediately their  
27 intention respecting the granting of a permit to  
28 construct a pipeline, notwithstanding that a decision  
29 as to a route may be sometime forthcoming. This early  
30 announcement would assist business enterprises in the







1 (SUBMISSION BY THE WHITEHORSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKED  
2 AS EXHIBIT C-174)

3  
4 THE COMMISSIONER: I should  
5 add that I have invited representatives of both  
6 pipeline companies to be here to listen to what you  
7 have to say, because I think they should listen to what  
8 you have to say, and to answer any questions you might  
9 want to ask them. But I am interested in hearing what  
10 you people have to say, so if there are any others who  
11 wish to step forward and say something, please feel  
12 free to do so. We are used to these long pauses, so it  
13 doesn't distress me so don't let it distress you.

14  
15 AL WRIGHT Sworn:

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17 MR. WRIGHT: Sir, I'll have  
18 to ask first of all, your indulgence as Commissioner,  
19 It sometimes takes me a little longer than it does some  
20 others to say what I have to say, which might help the  
21 evening along, but I hope that in the end -- I hope  
22 that in the end what I have to say will also be  
23 worthwhile.

24 My name --

25 THE COMMISSIONER: It won't  
26 take any longer than some of the people I've heard.  
27 Could you give me your name, sir?

28 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, I was just  
29 about to. My name is Al Wright. I wear a few hats in  
30 this town. I'm -- for one thing I'm an alderman of the

1 | City of Whitehorse. In fact, the last time I was  
2 | involved in a meeting in this room, it ended up by cost  
3 | in the government a bit of money because I had an art  
4 | over the Robert Campbell bridge, which I think I won.

5 | I am also, and this is the  
6 | reason I would like to appear before you to express a  
7 | few of my thoughts, for approximately 30 years I have  
8 | been involved in the building of highways in the north,  
9 | about half that time in the Yukon. I did the original  
10 | reconnaissance of the Dempster Highway, in fact in  
11 | February, 1958, I worked for the Department of Public  
12 | Works in Ottawa. I was given three days to get my  
13 | affairs in order and come tearing up to the Yukon  
14 | because a great crash program had just begun, the  
15 | construction of the Dempster Highway, and that was  
16 | approximately 16 years ago. But in spite of that, the  
17 | Dempster Highway is still proceeding and still in,  
18 | pretty well along the route that was recommended in my  
19 | reconnaissance report.

20 | So I was also -- I stayed --  
21 | I hope you don't mind this  
22 | little bit of explanation, I want --

23 | THE COMMISSIONER: No, not a  
24 | bit.

25 | MR. WRIGHT: I want to set a  
26 | little bit of the background. In 1973, I worked for  
27 | D.P.W. in the MacKenzie -- on the MacKenzie Highway.  
28 | did a field location for them of the piece of road  
29 | between Fort Simpson and Camsell Bend, and I was also  
30 | involved at that time with establishing contact with









1 | is not -- is much more than the pollution, in my  
2 | opinion, would be caused by the contractors in the  
3 | area.

4 |                                   I read a story not too long  
5 | ago, some comments made by a group of Alaskans and  
6 | environmental people that paid a visit to the Alaska  
7 | sites, and they commented that they couldn't even find  
8 | any waste paper in the area, But I assured them, and I  
9 | had just been over a considerable section of the Alaska  
10 | Highway, that if they want to find waste paper and  
11 | empty beer bottles and so on all along the highway,  
12 | they are certainly there and what I learned from my  
13 | last trip is that the most popular brand along the  
14 | highway is Labatts Blue. The fact remains that there  
15 | is, that a great deal of pollution is caused by just  
16 | the fact that the highway is there in the first place.

17 |                                   I would like to see a little  
18 | more attention paid by the planners to the possible use  
19 | of the Dempster Highway and the Alaska Highway, as  
20 | possible pipeline routes. I would also like to remind  
21 | the people who are considering the mileages and the  
22 | difference in the number of miles in relation to say the  
23 | Fairbanks Corridor to the MacKenzie Valley Corridor, is  
24 | that there also are certain plans afoot and these are  
25 | partly in effect right now that will also cause  
26 | considerable -- excuse me, sir, on top of my other  
27 | problems I have new teeth. There are plans afoot in the  
28 | relocation of considerable sections of the Alaska  
29 | Highway that will considerably shorten the length of it.  
30 | These are things I hope that the planners all keep in



1 | the proposed pipeline project, please feel free to cone  
2 | forward and we are trying to be very informal here this  
3 | evening, though when you get a couple of hundred  
4 | people. together, I guess it's difficult.

5 | Yes, sir? Please.

6 |  
7 | DAVID LLOYD, Sworn:

8 | MR. LLOYD: My name is David  
9 | Lloyd. I'm an environmental consultant. I've been  
10 | working with F.S. Slaney and Company for about five  
11 | years. We've been involved in a number of  
12 | environmental impact studies in the north.

13 | THE COMMISSIONER: You said  
14 | you had been working with who?

15 | MR. LLOYD: Slaney, S-l-a-n-  
16 | e-y.

17 | THE COMMISSIONER: - Oh, yes.

18 | MR. LLOYD: And in the last  
19 | two years we've been doing a considerable amount of  
20 | work doing environmental monitoring of construction of  
21 | pipelines in southern Canada, and while southern Canada  
22 | is different from the north in many ways, as Al Wright  
23 | said, there's not that much difference in many other L  
24 | ways. And certainly in Eastern Ontario where the fine  
25 | clay soils occur, I think it's a reasonable parallel  
26 | .to what would happen in many areas of the north.

27 | The thing that I found about  
28 | pipeline construction was the extreme rapidity which  
29 | the pipeline crosses an area. The welders can do --  
30 | could do about 2,000 feet a day in Ontario, and there's

1 | no reason they couldn't do the same in the Yukon or  
2 | many areas of the north, certainly in the summer when  
3 | temperatures are just as warm. That means, 2,000 feet  
4 | a day means that a standard spread, which would be 90  
5 | miles, is that about the same as it would be on the  
6 | northern pipeline, 90 mile spreads?

7 | THE COMMISSIONER: I'm sorry,  
8 | what did you say?

9 | MR. LLOYD: Has anyone talked  
10 | about the distance which one contract would cover?

11 | THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, yes.  
12 | Do you want to - excuse me.

13 | I think I should let you continue and complete your  
14 | statement and then I might ask the representatives of  
15 | the pipeline companies to comment. Would that be all  
16 | right?

17 | MR. LLOYD: Yes.

18 | The standard spread in Ontario  
19 | has been about 90 miles. If they weld 2,000 feet a day  
20 | that means that that distance is covered in 45 days.  
21 | That's an extremely fast coverage, it means that all  
22 | planning and all communications must be well established  
23 | before construction starts. There is very little time to  
24 | communicate problems in the field, but at the same time,  
25 | pipeline construction is relatively flexible and we found  
26 | that when crossings of rivers with particular fisheries  
27 | concerns were done in a way which we hadn't anticipated  
28 | that they would, the construction contractors were  
29 | able to alter their planning to move their equipment  
30 | around the river and to wait until a better



1 | seen any areas where the kind of construction they use  
2 | in Ontario would cause a lasting damage, and I believe  
3 | that the disturbance could be cleaned up probably in  
4 | the first year after construction, and within five  
5 | years of construction, other than a cleared swath,  
6 | there would be no recurring disturbance.

7 | THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you  
8 | very much. You might just remain there for a moment  
9 | while I ask the representatives of Arctic Gas and  
10 | Foothills Pipelines if they want to say anything about  
11 | any of the matters you raised.

12 | Mr. Hollingsworth?

13 | MR. RUTHERFORD: I would like  
14 | to answer that question. First I want to --

15 | THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr.  
16 | Rutherford?

17 | MR. RUTHERFORD: We didn't  
18 | prepare to come here.

19 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, Mr.  
20 | Rutherford, we're going to ask you to be sworn when you  
21 | answer this question, if you wouldn't mind?

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24 | RUTHERFORD Sworn:

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26 | MR. RUTHERFORD: I just wanted  
27 | to say, your honour, that we don't have any disagreement,  
28 | with what this gentleman says. He's put it very well for  
29 | our pipeline project, and with regard to planning, I  
30 | don't think there's been a projected pipeline anywhere

1 | that has had the planning that this one has had, so I  
2 | think we can --

3 |   THE COMMISSIONER: By "this  
4 | one", just so there is no misunderstanding --

5 |   MR. RUTHERFORD: Well I'll  
6 | speak for our own, I will let Mr. Horte speak for his.  
7 | I will speak for our own as far as we are concerned-,  
8 | so we think his points were very well taken. As a  
9 | matter of fact, we think the points by everybody that  
10 | has spoken so far has been very reasonable and very  
11 | well thought out to us, and this gentleman's points are  
12 | well taken and I think he's stating that this pipeline  
13 | should have a lot of careful planning ahead of it.  
14 | That's one reason you're here, so we have no argument  
15 | with what he says at all.

16 |   Thank you.

17 |   THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
18 | fine, thank you, Mr. Rutherford.

19 |   Mr. Rutherford is a vice-  
20 | president of Foothills Pipelines. I am right in saying  
21 | that, am I not?

22 |   MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, I am  
23 | Executive Vice-President with them.

24 |   THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr.  
25 | Carter?

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27 |   (WITNESS ASIDE)

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29 |   MR. CARTER: I will ask Mr.  
30 | Workman to deal with the question about the length of

1 | the construction spreads.

2 |                                   THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr.  
3 | Workman, Mr. Workman has been sworn in the past, he  
4 | answers a lot of these questions.

5 |                                   MR. WORKMAN: Well sir,  
6 | regarding Canadian Arctic Gas and the construction of  
7 | the pipeline, our plan is to construct it at a rate of  
8 | approximately a mile a day. This is a large project,  
9 | it will go faster probably than some pipelines that  
10 | have been constructed in other areas.

11 |                                   It was mentioned that the  
12 | construction in Ontario was taking place during the  
13 | summer. I would like to point out that in our proposal  
14 | in the north, we would construct the pipeline during  
15 | the winter. This is to assure that we would protect  
16 | the permafrost and the environment as much as possible.  
17 | By constructing it in the winter, we would maintain an  
18 | insulation over the permafrost and avoid any damage in  
19 | that respect.

20 |                                   THE COMMISSIONER: Mr.  
21 | Workman, while you are there, maybe I could just  
22 | indicate and I have in anyway misconceived the evidence,  
23 | you could correct me, but for the benefit of the people  
24 | here I think it might be useful to you if I said that  
25 | the Arctic Gas project is essentially a four or five  
26 | year 'project. The laying of pipe would occur during  
27 | the winter seasons, that is over a three year period and  
28 | at this time they want to start laying pipe in the  
29 | MacKenzie Valley in 1978, and complete laying pipe in  
30 | the MacKenzie Valley in 1979, and lay pipe from Prudhoe

1 Bay to the MacKenzie Delta in 1980.

2                                   The point that you raised,  
3 sir, was an interesting, one, Arctic Gas, through its  
4 engineers, has given evidence that they expect that  
5 productivity of workers on the pipeline in the -- north  
6 of the 60th parallel, will be less than it would be in  
7 southern Canada, and for instance, they have suggested  
8 to me that along the Arctic Coast, from Prudhoe Bay to  
9 the MacKenzie Delta, productivity of each worker would  
10 be approximately 60 percent what it would be in southern  
11 Canada, owing to the climate and other conditions --

12                                   MR. LLOYD: During winter  
13 construction.

14                                   THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, and  
15 winter construction is what is contemplated by both  
16 companies. At any rate, I am not trying to pass myself  
17 off as an engineer, I'm just trying to repeat some of  
18 the basic things in language that the people here might  
19 understand.

20                                   You might also comment on  
21 this, Mr. Workman. This is a 48 inch diameter  
22 pipeline, the Arctic Gas pipeline -the Foothills  
23 pipeline is a shorter one because it doesn't go as far.  
24 The pipeline would, if it were built, would run through  
25 permafrost and to avoid the heat from the pipe melting  
26 the permafrost, which of course would make the whole  
27 pipeline unstable, Arctic Gas and Foothills propose to  
28 chili the gas which would -- they take the position that  
29 would ensure that the permafrost would not be -- would  
30 not melt, the permafrost around the pipe. The pipe



1 | So that the project as conceived by Arctic Gas, so far  
2 | as it affects the MacKenzie Valley at least, is a  
3 | project that could last something like 10 or 15 years.  
4 | I'm summarizing what Mr. Horte has told us. You might  
5 | be interested in knowing that. Is that a fair  
6 | statement?

7 | MR. WORKMAN: Yes, it's  
8 | dependent on the demand for gas --

9 | THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

10 | MR. WORKMAN: -- and the  
11 | availability of gas from the Prudhoe area.

12 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
13 | thank you, Mr. Workman and Mr. Rutherford. Did you  
14 | want to commend this witness as well?

15 | MR. WORKMAN: We'll do that.

16 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, did  
17 | you want to add anything, sir?

18 | MR. LLOYD: Nothing further.  
19 | Al did mention the comparison between a pipeline and a  
20 | highway. I have been involved in summer road  
21 | construction in this recent pipeline work; I don't see  
22 | any comparison at all between the small amount of  
23 | damage which pipelines do over the short duration that  
24 | they are present, that construction is present.

25 | THE COMMISSIONER: You mean  
26 | .Mr. Wright compared the highway to a pipeline?

27 | MR. LLOYD: That's right. And  
28 | compared to the duration that highway construction  
29 | occurs at the same site, and then the recurring use  
30 | over the same area.

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, well  
2 thank you very much, sir.

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4 (WITNESS ASIDE)

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6 THE COMMISSIONER: Does  
7 anyone else care to come forward and say anything?  
8 If no one does, I am going to wait a few more minutes,  
9 but if no one does, I will still come back tomorrow  
10 night at eight and see if all of you come back again  
11 and have something to say at that time.

12 Well, is there coffee, Mr.  
13 Waddell? Is it ready? Well we have coffee here so  
14 I'll adjourn for 10 or 15 minutes and we can have a cup  
15 of coffee and you can collect your thoughts and if you  
16 have anything more to say after that, well carry on  
17 till around ten and then come back tomorrow night. So  
18 we will just stop for a few minutes.

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20 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED)

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2 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)

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4 THE COMMISSIONER: Let's be  
5 seated again, ladies and gentlemen, and just take a  
6 moment to let you take your seats again.

7 Well, does anyone else wish  
8 to say anything about the proposed pipeline project or  
9 any aspect of it?

10  
11 THOMAS NAIRN Sworn:

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13 MR. NAIRN: My name, sir, is  
14 Tom Nairn, I'm employed by the Government of the Yukon  
15 Territory, as the Territorial Fire Marshal, and I'm  
16 wondering what consideration has been given in the  
17 general planning of the concept of this pipeline as to  
18 the safety standards which will be in existence by the  
19 companies who will be constructing this line.

20 The reason I bring this point  
21 up is that in the north, we have percentage-wise, a  
22 large concentration of mobile homes and construction  
23 camps, and it has been my experience that this type of  
24 business poses a threat insofar as the standards which  
25 are in existence,, namely the Canadian Standards  
26 Association, Z-240 series, does not in actual fact  
27 comply with the National Building Code. The National  
28 Building Code is a standard which is recognized across  
29 Canada for residential or stick built construction.  
30 The end result is, it is my personal feeling that the



1 at. Will this be the responsibility of the Federal  
2 Government to devise the means, namely spacial  
3 separation, the type of heating equipment, will these  
4 things be self-contained in terms of fire protection, or  
5 will the stress and strain be put on the provincial -- or  
6 rather the Territorial Government to provide this fire  
7 protection? The end result being that we may have to  
8 increase our staff to combat the anticipated increase in  
9 fires. It is on this basis, sir, that I would ask the  
10 question, has thought been given to a standard of fire  
11 protection for these temporary camps?

12 THE COMMISSIONER: You are  
13 speaking of the construction spreads, and I think I  
14 should say for the benefit of the people here, if you  
15 will allow me to sir, that it is expected that there  
16 would be about 800 men in each camp, and there would be  
17 on the Arctic Gas system, how many camps north of the  
18 60th parallel, Mr. Workman?

19 Would you like to come  
20 forward and comment on this point?

21 MR. WORKMAN: I believe north  
22 of 60, there are contemplated about nine spreads. We  
23 will certainly have our camps meet all standards,  
24 whatever those standards may be, and I think a typical  
25 example if anyone has been to Prudhoe Bay and had a look  
26 at the facilities in that area, they would understand  
27 just what is meant by adequate fire protection in this  
28 type of camp. I think they probably exceed what any  
29 government regulations might give, but I can guarantee  
30 that Canadian Arctic Gas would certainly meet whatever

1 | government standards would be set.

2 |                                   THE COMMISSIONER: Well, do  
3 | you want to comment on that?

4 |                                   MR. NAIRN: Yes sir. My  
5 | comment is that in actual fact there is no national  
6 | standard for mobile homes or construction camps. In  
7 | other words, it's somewhat fragmented and each province  
8 | has its own set of standards, and I would suggest that  
9 | in all probability that what should be done is that  
10 | there should be a committee set up possibly under the  
11 | Dominion Fire Commissioner, who in turn would liaise  
12 | with the various N.W.T. and Yukon and even Alaska fire  
13 | authorities, and arrive at a common standard for this  
14 | type of camp. So that if, as I visualize, this camp is  
15 | moving from Prudhoe Bay across the northern part of  
16 | Alaska into the Yukon and into N.W.T., then you  
17 | maintain this consistency, and we then would be aware  
18 | as to what is going to happen.

19 |                                   In other words, I can well  
20 | see certain amounts of sloppiness being introduced  
21 | during this rush factor, and if that is the case, then  
22 | inevitably there will be a loss of life and there may  
23 | be a tie-up in terms of unions becoming involved in  
24 | safety standards and this delay.

25 |                                   THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. I if  
26 | may say so, this hasn't come up, no one brought it up.  
27 | Now our formal hearings haven't yet reached the stage  
28 | where we would expect it to come up but I think the  
29 | point is well taken and Miss Hutchinson, I would ask  
30 | that you note this evidence for Mr. Scott,

1 Commission Counsel, and it can be brought to the  
2 attention of Commission staff so that at the  
3 appropriate stage your suggestion, which certainly  
4 appears to me to be a very constructive one, can be  
5 taken into consideration, so I want to thank you very  
6 much. I appreciate that.

7 Thank you, Mr. Workman.

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9 (WITNESS ASIDE)

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11 THE COMMISSIONER: Does  
12 anyone else wish to say anything? Yes, sir?

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14 IRWIN ARMSTRONG, Sworn:

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16 MR. ARMSTRONG: My name is  
17 Irwin Armstrong, and I've had considerable experience  
18 in operating camps in the winter time for some of the  
19 mining companies. I found that a two storey camp with  
20 a social club was very effective in controlling moral  
21 decline, and while I was up at Fort Radium, they  
22 brought in a bunch of waitresses to cater at the mess  
23 hall, When I first went up there, the men used to get  
24 drunk and fight till the blood run down the floor, and  
25 after they brought these waitresses in, the camp  
26 became kind of half civilized.

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I believe --

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29 THE COMMISSIONER: I am  
tempted to say why not?

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Go ahead, forgive me, I



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(WITNESS ASIDE)

THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
anyone else who would care to say anything?

Well, I think that what you  
have said has been a valuable contribution to the work  
of the inquiry. I think that since no one else is  
anxious to speak this evening, we will adjourn until  
tomorrow night at eight o'clock, and I certainly  
welcome you all back at that time to say anything that  
you wish to say or to listen to others who may have  
something to say, and I just want you to know that I  
take the view that this inquiry can learn from each one  
of you.

It isn't just an inquiry  
where we listen to the experts; you can come and listen  
to them along with me at ten o'clock tomorrow morning,  
because we sit from ten until one here in this room and  
then from 2: 30 until 5: 00, and we will be sitting  
each day here to listen to the experts, and I just want  
you to know that I will be back at eight o'clock  
tomorrow night here to listen to ordinary people like  
yourself and like me, who are anxious to see that this  
thing -- this project is evaluated as carefully and as  
closely as can be.

So I am going to adjourn the  
-- this community hearing then until eight o'clock  
tomorrow evening and the inquiry is adjourned until

1 | 10 tomorrow.

2 | So thank you all for coming.

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4 | (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1975 AT

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1 Whitehorse, Y.T.  
2 August 12, 1975.  
3 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)  
4 THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
5 ladies and gentlemen, I'll call our hearing to order  
6 this evening, and tell you that I'm anxious to hear  
7 anyone from Whitehorse or any of the other Yukon  
8 communities who wishes to speak tonight about the  
9 proposal to build: a pipeline to carry gas from the  
10 Arctic to markets in Southern Canada and the United  
11 States. I should tell you that we are here in  
12 Whitehorse considering many things having to do with the  
13 pipeline, specifically whether the route by which gas  
14 from Prudhoe Bay is taken along the Arctic Coast and  
15 then down the Mackenzie Valley is the route by which the  
16 gas ought to be carried, or whether it ought to be  
17 brought down Alaska to Fairbanks and then along, the  
18 Alaska Highway -- that is a pipeline running parallel to  
19 the Alaska Highway past Whitehorse, then down into  
20 British Columbia and Alberta. Those are some of the  
21 things that we have been discussing the last two days,  
22 but tonight if any of you wish to speak, you feel free  
23 to discuss any aspect of the pipeline proposal in all of  
24 its ramifications because I'm most anxious to hear from  
25 you. You don't need to have a brief or a written  
26 statement, simply feel free to tell me what is on your  
27 mind; and if there are not a great many of you with any-  
28 thing to say, I intend to call on the -- some of the  
29 witnesses who have been giving evidence today to carry  
30 on with their testimony, and when we reach that stage of



1 are very much interested and concerned about  
2 possible ramifications of a pipeline being  
3 constructed anywhere in the north, and par-  
4 ticularly in the Yukon since transportation  
5 plays such a vital role in any development  
6 undertaken. One might say that transporta-  
7 tion is the name of the game here, as else-  
8 where in Canada's Arctic and sub-Arctic re-  
9 gions.

10 It had been the intention of the Association to  
11 have a brief prepared for submission to you dur-  
12 ing your Whitehorse hearings outlining our points  
13 of concern and recommendations for your consid-  
14 eration. To this end we held two special meet-  
15 ings to discuss the areas of main concern in the  
16 hope of identifying and isolating relevant facts  
17 peculiar to the transportation industry for in-  
18 clusion in the brief. We wished especially to  
19 outline the possible ramifications of a project  
20 of such magnitude could have on the transporta-  
21 tion industry, and in general what safeguards we  
22 as a credible Association, could recommend to as-  
23 sist in the informative and planning phases of  
24 any pipeline contemplated, irrespective of its  
25 route. We found, however, that the present un-  
26 certainties and turmoil generated by environmen-  
27 talists, ethnic groups, and international inter-  
28 ests so clouds the issue that it is quite impos-  
29 sible to be sincere and objective in drafting a  
30 brief at this time.

1                   We would therefore welcome an opportu-  
2                   nity to submit a brief at a later date when more  
3                   factual information is made available from which  
4                   to prepare a meaningful submission. One thing  
5                   we feel certain, that it would be chaotic and  
6                   extremely detrimental to any interest to rush  
7                   construction over a short period of time. We  
8                   feel that a minimum of five years or longer  
9                   should be considered in order to minimize the  
10                  boom and bust effect and give some stability to  
11                  the economy of the north.

12                  In this vein we also feel that govern-  
13                  ment must have a strong say in preventing run-  
14                  away labour agreements which contribute to the  
15                  boom and bust situation, as is apparently hap-  
16                  pening in Alaska at present.

17                  In the meantime, this Association will  
18                  endeavor to study the effects of the Trans-  
19                  Alaska Pipeline on the transportation industry  
20                  in Alaska so that we may learn and benefit from  
21                  their experiences.

22                  I would appreciate being advised  
23                  whether this opportunity will be made available  
24                  to the Association at a later date, and if so,  
25                  just to whom it should be directed."

26                                 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you  
27                  very much, sir. I think the questions you have raised  
28                  are well worth your pursuing in a brief with the members  
29                  of the Association, and we would be happy to hear from  
30                  you again, either by having you send us a brief or

1 | appearing in person, if you wish. I think after this  
2 | week we will not be coming to Whitehorse again, but we  
3 | will be in Yellowknife for some time to come. What you  
4 | can do is simply leave your name with Mr. Waddell and so  
5 | that we know who you are and we can stay in touch with  
6 | you. You can reach us by simply writing to me at the  
7 | Resources Building, Yellowknife. That's the only  
8 | address you need, and your submission will reach me, and  
9 | I will look forward to hearing from you and to reading  
10 | what you have to say.

11 | I think that's all I can say  
12 | at this stage, and just leave it to you and your  
13 | colleagues to put down your views in writing when  
14 | you've had a chance to give the matter further  
15 | consideration. In the meantime if you wouldn't mind  
16 | letting us have your written statement, you did deal  
17 | with some points of substance there, and we could  
18 | retain that and it could be marked as an exhibit and  
19 | form part of the record of the proceedings.

20 | A Thank you, Mr. Berger.  
21 | There's one more point. Since the hearing started our  
22 | colleagues in the Association have got together and one  
23 | thing that bothered the group as a whole was the fact  
24 | that the gas seems to be -- the idea seems to be to  
25 | pipe this gas out of the north by the shortest possible  
26 | route and I'm kind of appalled by the fact that I  
27 | notice that Fairbanks is not going to get any gas,  
28 | Anchorage, no gas, no gas for Whitehorse by the  
29 | prime route, no gas for Dawson, Mayo, and I find it  
30 | hard to believe that citizens of the north are going to

1 benefit by selling this valuable fuel that we've got to  
2 ship in here 2,000 miles right now, and not have any of  
3 it, and it was a concern of our group that it may as  
4 well stay in the ground. You know, we're not getting  
5 any benefit from it at all.

6 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, if  
7 you want to ask any questions of the representatives of  
8 the pipeline companies, they are here tonight at my  
9 invitation, not just to hear what you have to say. I  
10 think they should, but if you want to ask them any  
11 questions about that, feel free. I'll call them  
12 forward and ask them to discuss the very point you've  
13 raised, if you wish.

14 A I would appreciate it,  
15 because in the Commissioner's address yesterday he made  
16 a statement that I think almost every Yukoner would  
17 agree with, that Yukoners must benefit by this project,  
18 and about the only way I feel that the Yukoners will  
19 benefit is we all pay a high cost of heating right now,  
20 we have been for years, and there's got to be gas, you  
21 know, available to the Territory, and if it's all going  
22 south, you know, down across the line somewhere or  
23 eastern Canada, it's just going to be, I think, too  
24 bad.

25 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr.  
26 Carter and Mr. Hollingworth, if you would like to, each  
27 of you to designate one of your people to just come  
28 over here and say a word or two about the questions  
29 that have been raised.

30 MR. HOLLINGWORTH: Thank you,

1 | Mr. Commissioner. Mr. Hushion, the executive vice-  
2 | president of Foothills Pipe Lines is here this evening.  
3 | He was sworn and testified in Hay River and he will  
4 | speak to this matter.

5 | THE COMMISSIONER: All right,  
6 | and Mr. Carter?

7 | MR. CARTER: Mr. Workman.

8 | THE COMMISSIONER: All right,  
9 | perhaps Mr. Hushion and Mr. Workman will come over here  
10 | and just address themselves to the question that this  
11 | gentleman has raised.

12 | What's your position with the  
13 | company, Mr. Workman?

14 | MR. WORKMAN: I'm manager of  
15 | Northern Affairs for Canadian Arctic Gas.

16 | THE COMMISSIONER: Right.  
17 | Well, you two gentlemen decide who is going first. I  
18 | think I should tell you that there are two companies  
19 | that art to build the pipeline. One of them, Arctic  
20 | Gas, whom Mr. Workman represents. Mr. Workman is the  
21 | gentleman in the tan, very smart tan outfit. They want  
22 | to bring gas from Prudhoe Bay along the Arctic Coast of  
23 | Alaska and then along the Arctic Coast of the Yukon and  
24 | down the Mackenzie Valley.

25 | Mr. Hushion, who is the vice-  
26 | president of Foothills, represents a company, Foothills  
27 | that doesn't want to bring Alaskan gas into Canada but  
28 | simply wants to take the gas from the Mackenzie Delta  
29 | south along the Mackenzie Valley to connect with  
30 | the Alberta system. Those are the two proposals, and



1 | communities will not be. It's just not economical,  
2 | there's no way you can bring a line over several  
3 | hundred miles to serve a small community. The cost of  
4 | the fuel would be just unreasonable in such a  
5 | situation. So for you people in the Yukon, there's  
6 | just no way you can say, utilize the gas that is going,  
7 | say, down the Mackenzie Valley. It's just too far from  
8 | the line to bring a side line into these communities;  
9 | and likewise if it happened to go this way, it would be  
10 | too far to take it into the Mackenzie Valley.

11 |                                   A     Thank you. I was just  
12 | looking at your prime route, though, and what we  
13 | couldn't understand is follow the prime route and then  
14 | run a line -- this isn't even an alternative on this  
15 | plan, but we couldn't understand why the prime route  
16 | couldn't be followed, and then if you're interested in  
17 | not disturbing the environment, why didn't you run the  
18 | pipeline down the Dempster? You know, you've already  
19 | got a road there anyway, and --

20 |                                   MR. WORKMAN: To follow the  
21 | Dempster?

22 |                                   A     Yeah, just run it down  
23 | the Dempster, follow your prime route out of Prudhoe  
24 | Bay, and then down the Dempster Highway from the high  
25 | Arctic, and run it down that way. You already have one  
26 | -- it's a combination of two lines that you've got  
27 | here. I know it might be a mind-boggling question to  
28 | ask at this time, but that seemed to be the natural  
29 | way of doing it. Then also in your answer there you  
30 | said, "Well, it's not feasible to bring the gas to

1 Whitehorse." I realize this, but to make the whole  
2 project feasible seems to me that as part of the cost  
3 of the overall project, the people in the north must  
4 have some of this gas, and it's going to have to be  
5 added on, you know when we were bringing in oil, just  
6 like Alaska in the good old days when they had to bring  
7 their oil up from Texas and it cost them a lot of  
8 money. Now it's reversed, it's going to cost the  
9 people down in Texas a lot of money because they've  
10 used all their oil, and as far as I'm concerned I've  
11 been a resident here for 13 years which makes me a  
12 little bit of an old-timer. Many people have been here  
13 longer than me, but there's no way the people of the  
14 Yukon are going to benefit.

15 Now I don't care if they give  
16 the money to the Federal Government and say, "here,  
17 we're all getting a nice royalty on this, I'll tell you  
18 right now the cost of living will be as high for me as  
19 it's always been."

20 Now they just raised the cost  
21 of gasoline across Canada, it's going up to \$1 a  
22 gallon, you know, and listen to them howl down there.  
23 But we've been paying it for years, and up here we may  
24 be Canadians but I'm a Yukoner first, to heck with the  
25 rest of Canada right now. We're not here to service  
26 all Canada, we're here for the people in the north, and  
27 if they don't want to pay the price for the gas down  
28 there because it costs extra to service the north, then  
29 I guess our gas is just a little bit too high for them  
30 right now and they're going to have to wait a few years







1 American gas. They say, "We don't want anything to do  
2 with Prudhoe Bay gas, but we'll take the Mackenzie Delta  
3 gas along the Mackenzie Valley and connect it to the  
4 Alberta system, and then it can go through the Alberta  
5 system into the TransCanada system."

6 Mr. Hushion's company has  
7 said to the Inquiry hearings in the Mackenzie Valley  
8 that they would be prepared to supply gas to the  
9 communities in the Mackenzie Valley, at rates that they  
10 claim would be less than they are paying -less than  
11 they would be paying for fuel oil at the time the gas  
12 comes onstream.

13 Mr. Workman's company, Arctic  
14 Gas, has taken a slightly different position. They  
15 said that if that is the condition under which the line  
16 is to be built, they will supply gas to the  
17 communities, too.

18 Is that pretty well what you  
19 gentlemen have said?

20 So thank you very much.  
21 Those were some very good points, and we'll hear from  
22 you again, I understand, by mail or you will be in  
23 touch with us in one way or another.

24 A Yes, we will be. Thank  
25 you kindly.

26 (WITNESS ASIDE)

27 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, anyone  
28 else who wishes to make a statement might come forward.

29 (SUBMISSION BY RON McROBB MARKED EXHIBIT C-175)

30 VISCO VINCENT JUTRONICH sworn:

1 THE WITNESS: My name is  
2 Visco Vincent Jutronich, presently employed as the  
3 general manager of Whitehorse Copper Mines Limited.  
4 I'm a mining engineer by profession, and I am  
5 registered as such by the Professional Engineering  
6 Associations of Ontario and the Yukon. I'm an  
7 associate of the Cambornes School of mines, Cornwall,  
8 England, and I'm registered as a member in both  
9 Canadian and British Institutes of Mining & Metallurgy.

10 Originally I had not planned  
11 to present a brief to the Commission. However, after  
12 listening to the presentations on first day, it was  
13 obvious that it would be wrong not to speak up.

14 At this stage I've discussed  
15 this subject with other mine operators and although I'm  
16 speaking as an individual, I feel that-they will  
17 support most of the arguments presented.

18 Yesterday I was very  
19 disappointed with the presentation of the facts by the  
20 panel representing one company, and I feel that  
21 considering the momentous time they have already worked  
22 on this project and the age of the computer that they  
23 could have been more specific with their presentation.  
24 I sincerely hope that the other company takes note of  
25 this commentary in presenting their projects.

26 Mr. Justice Berger, I've tried  
27 to evaluate some of the facts affecting the decision that  
28 has to be made, and I feel that your recommendation will  
29 play a very important part in this process. You  
30 will have to evaluate the objectives of every single



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1 and when considering the service that this project has  
2 given to us, and will continue to give us, then I feel  
3 the price is small.

4 Today, especially when we  
5 consider the paving of the road, we do not stop to  
6 consider the effort that was applied in the 1940's.  
7 Our governments, both Federal and Territorial, will  
8 have to make other decisions, like speeding up the  
9 construction of the Skagway Road, completing the  
10 Dempster, building hydro-dams, etc. Things are  
11 changing and we will have to keep pace with them.

12 Mr. Justice Berger, you have  
13 already listened to the experts on environment, and  
14 however directed, you will have to evaluate their  
15 objective when making your decision. You will realize  
16 that technology has not kept pace with requirements,  
17 and you will have to evaluate the costs and effects of  
18 tradeoffs which may be very difficult, and you have my  
19 sympathy in making some of your decisions, working in  
20 an industry which today is often under public scrutiny:  
21 there are many things which can be done to reduce the  
22 effect on the environment.

23 At our mine we are planting  
24 grass in an area where we have a water line. For three  
25 years practically nothing grew. Today we would like  
26 results because we have a certain amount of grass  
27 growing there.

28 To conclude, Mr. Justice  
29 Berger, it is proposed that we support the most  
30 efficient system which will benefit all consumers. It

1 | is recommended that consideration be given to ensuring  
2 | that benefits to the north are on-going, and do not  
3 | cease when construction ceases. To us the price is  
4 | high, but it will be compensated for by the rewards.  
5 | With suitable controls it is felt that all sections can  
6 | and should benefit.

7 | I would also like to quote  
8 | John Donne:

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10 | "No man is an island entire himself. Every man  
11 | is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.  
12 | If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is  
13 | the less as well as if the promontory were, as  
14 | well as if a manner of thy friend or thine own  
15 | were. Any man's death diminishes me because I  
16 | am involved in mankind, and therefore never send  
17 | a note for whom the bell tolls, It tolls for  
18 | thee."

19 | THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you  
20 | very much, sir, for a most thoughtful presentation.  
21 | Would you let us keep that and it will be marked as an  
22 | exhibit and form a part of the permanent record of the  
23 | proceedings?

24 | (SUBMISSION OF V.V. JUTRONICH MARKED EXHIBIT C-176}

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26 | THE COMMISSIONER: I think I  
27 | should say, because the last witness and you, sir, have  
28 | dealt with the question, that the question of gas being  
29 | supplied from the trunk line to the communities in the  
30 | north has come up any number of times. You

1 | would expect that, and because I thought that would  
2 | arise, I made a grant of money to the Northwest  
3 | Territories Association of Municipalities last fall to  
4 | enable them to carry out a feasibility study to  
5 | determine whether gas could be supplied economically  
6 | from a trunk pipeline to the communities in the  
7 | Mackenzie Valley and the towns and the cities, and if  
8 | it couldn't be done in a competitive sense, what kind  
9 | of subsidy would be required, and I expect that  
10 | submission from the Northwest Territories Association  
11 | of Municipalities will be coming before me later in the  
12 | year. If an alternate route were eventually to be  
13 | chosen through the Yukon, in the way that Mr. -- the  
14 | representative of Foothills suggests, the matter would  
15 | have to be dealt with on its merits here in the Yukon,  
16 | too.

17 | Is there anything you wish to  
18 | add?

19 | A No, I think a lot of our  
20 | brief is more or less the same as the gentleman who was  
21 | in the seat before me, and he asked the question of,  
22 | "Who will pay for it?"

23 | Sitting yesterday listening  
24 | to Mr. Gibbs raising questions on the alternative pipe  
25 | route which was to go through Fairbanks, White 'horse,  
26 | and then down south, some figures were quoted.  
27 | Now, as an individual I feel that if we follow -- and I  
28 | feel that we should follow the cheapest and the most  
29 | efficient route, which appears to be the prime route --  
30 | but when these companies sit down to evaluate

1 | the systems, that they should also consider that there  
2 | is a greater market, and there is a possibility that we  
3 | will have to be subsidized.

4 |                                   Q     Sorry, there is somebody  
5 | doing the dishes back there and I -- would you repeat  
6 | the last couple of sentences?

7 |                                   A     O.K. There is a  
8 | certain. amount of subsidy and you know, the questions  
9 | as Mr. Gibbs tried to raise as the cost of different  
10 | things, well to date I don't think there is enough  
11 | background to be able to evaluate the cost of one  
12 | against the other. But having a look at the cost of  
13 | the prime route against the Fairbanks corridor, when  
14 | you talk about five and seven billion against 8.1  
15 | billion, I think that will pay for quite a lot of  
16 | feeder systems or trunk lines which will be to the  
17 | benefit of the smaller communities. You know, what I'm  
18 | trying to point out is that when they sat down  
19 | originally there were certain terms of reference, have  
20 | they the right or responsibility of changing some of  
21 | these terms of reference?

22 |                                   Q     Well, what is happening  
23 | is that people like yourself and others throughout the  
24 | north are making submissions to me. I may or may not  
25 | recommend to the government that they only be allowed  
26 | to build the pipeline on the condition that they supply  
27 | gas at reasonable rates to the communities in the  
28 | north, within a given distance of the pipeline. Then  
29 | it will be up to the Government of Canada to decide  
30 | whether they will accept that recommendation,





1 | examined in the same way that we are examining it in  
2 | the Mackenzie Valley. So you're quite entitled to make  
3 | that point.

4 | (WITNESS ASIDE)

5 | THE COMMISSIONER: Anyone  
6 | else who would like to say something? If we've run out  
7 | of local people, what I intend to do is to put that  
8 | infamous panel back on the stand and let the lawyers  
9 | keep hammering away at them. I don't know if that's  
10 | your idea of entertainment or not, but if it is, you're  
11 | welcome to remain.

12 | I'll just wait a moment and  
13 | see if there are any more local people who would like  
14 | to speak. Yes sir, take a seat there and go right  
15 | ahead.

16 | FRANCIS WALLER, sworn:

17 | THE WITNESS: I don't know  
18 | about this, but THE COMMISSIONER: Would you give me  
19 | your name, first of all?

20 | A My name is Francis  
21 | Waller. and I represent nobody, and I hope these are a  
22 | joke.

23 | It says:

24 | "Union of Pipeline Blasters  
25 | Yukon Local."

26 | Q Mm-hmm.

27 | A And I'm presenting them  
28 | to you as a gift. -Sometimes this gets bogged down  
29 | with verbiage and you're quite able to break that, and  
30 | this is just a gift of appreciation, and I hope this

1 | stays a joke. That's all I have to say.

2 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
3 | thank you very much.

4 | A I understand your son  
5 | collects T-shirts, there is one for him, too.

6 | (LAUGHTER & APPLAUSE)

7 | THE COMMISSIONER: Thanks  
8 | very much. Well, I think we better -- I think we won't  
9 | mark that as an exhibit but we'll take it into our  
10 | possession.

11 | (WITNESS ASIDE)

12 | THE COMMISSIONER: While any  
13 | of you who may still be thinking of speaking are  
14 | giving it a little further thought, will ask the panel  
15 | to come up here again.

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17 | (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED TO AUGUST 13, 1975)

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1 Whitehorse, Y.T.

2 August 13, 1975.

3 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)

4 THE COMMISSIONER: Well,  
5 ladies and gentlemen, I'll call the hearing to order  
6 this evening. This is our third day here in Whitehorse  
7 and we have set aside time each evening to hear from  
8 anyone who lives here who wishes to say anything about  
9 the proposal to build a pipeline to bring gas from the  
10 Arctic to Southern Canada and the United States. We've  
11 heard from a number of you Monday night and Tuesday  
12 night, and we will be happy to hear from any others  
13 among you who wish to speak tonight.

14 We are in the middle of  
15 hearing the evidence of some distinguished lawyers and  
16 environmentalists who are discussing a proposal to  
17 establish a Wildlife Range in the Northern Yukon, and  
18 we'll get to that if there are none of you who wish to  
19 say anything, but if there are please feel free to come  
20 forward to one of these tables here and just say what  
21 your views are.

22 Well, I tell you what I'm  
23 going to do, I'm going to invite our panel to return  
24 and in the meantime if any of you decide you'd like to  
25 say anything, you should feel free to bring your names  
26 to the attention of Mr. Waddell. Mr. Waddell is this  
27 gentleman right here. Did you wish to say something,  
28 sir? Well, you just take a seat at the microphone and  
29 we'll hear from you first.

30 Now that the rest of you know



1 science. Most of my research has been done on the  
2 Yukon. I'm up here to write my honors paper in two  
3 areas, and one is the current political situation here  
4 and the second one, which I'd like to mention tonight,  
5 is on the Yukon social history.

6 I was interested in the  
7 period during the depression in Dawson in the areas  
8 between 1930 of the mid-'30's, the war, the road, and  
9 then after the road. I really didn't think I was  
10 qualified to say anything, but after I heard these  
11 proposals tonight I think that perhaps some things  
12 should be pointed out.

13 The first thing, the road was  
14 the first big project development in the Territories,  
15 and it was not a split decision, as many people may  
16 believe now. It was -- there was an International  
17 Highway Commission set up in 1938, there had been many  
18 Commissions before that and many hearings. Similar to  
19 this hearing here, they went to various communities  
20 along the proposed routes and heard evidence. The  
21 Americans, first it was a Representative Magnusson from  
22 Seattle, wanted a road to go along the coast of B.C.,  
23 along the panhandle, and just whip through the Yukon  
24 Territory by Whitehorse to get along -- to get around  
25 the St. Elias Mts. and then go onto Alaska.

26 The Canadian Government wanted:  
27 a road to go from Alberta up the Peel and Liard Valleys  
28 to Dawson and at this time in the Yukon Territory, which  
29 is in a sense similar to the delta area, there were less  
30 than 4,000 people who stayed the winter, and



1 construction period, which I think is very similar  
2 to the highway construction here, and I think the  
3 costs, which were terrific in the Yukon, socially with  
4 the amount of people who moved and were not given any  
5 economic livelihood, with the type of people who were  
6 brought into the Territory who had no experience in  
7 the north before, and we heard from the magistrate  
8 today who said the implications of that are pretty  
9 fantastic. Even along racial lines, Southern  
10 Canadians have no idea what the north is like, they  
11 have no idea of living with two people, peoples with  
12 different ways of life.

13 I think that it would  
14 essentially change the Mackenzie Delta area and make it  
15 almost a similar situation to Whitehorse today, but  
16 historically speaking, during the boom of the  
17 construction in the Alaska Highway there was such a  
18 shortage of manpower in the rest of the Territory that  
19 all capital projects had to be shut down until after  
20 the war, and the Territorial Government had to bank  
21 funds that were allocated, that is all capital works  
22 projects, all civil projects in other communities, and  
23 I think very much of the same things will happen in the  
24 Northwest Territories when they start to build that  
25 pipeline in a two-year schedule. You will find areas  
26 of very heightened activity and it will be at the  
27 expense of other areas, and all this for the sake of a  
28 two-year construction.

29 Any effects, I think, are  
30 long-range, and the damage, I think, is long-range.



1 forward. I can't promise you a study will be done of  
2 Whitehorse, but I will ask Mr. Weick, who is an  
3 economist on my staff, to consider the matter and let  
4 me know what he thinks of it. There may have been a  
5 study done. Or would you know of it if there had been  
6 one done?

7 A I don't know of a direct  
8 related study that would be geared to this type of  
9 thing. I think one of the major points to look at and  
10 one of the weaknesses I found in just looking at the  
11 Arctic Gas panel is there are so many social costs that  
12 are not directly economically determined. There can  
13 even be they are very long-range and they can be to  
14 the extent of what type of people are going to come and  
15 work on the pipeline, similar to the Americans building  
16 the road and similar to the Alaska experience now, the  
17 Arctic Gas says the camps will be in and out of  
18 Edmonton. They would work eight weeks and fly in and  
19 out of Edmonton and that exactly doesn't work, I don't  
20 think you can do that to people. You can end up with a  
21 situation as there is in Alaska.

22 Q Thank you very much.

23 A You're welcome.

24 (WITNESS ASIDE)

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26 MRS. OLIVE POSIWASCHEKV sworn:

27 THE WITNESS: Mr. Justice

28 Berger, my name is Olive Posiwaschek and I'm an  
29 alderman of this city, and the aspect of the Pipeline  
30 Inquiry in which I'm interested what it will do to the



1 I think at this point we  
2 should be very prepared to learn from the experience  
3 of the Alaskans. Now many of us, I think, have talked  
4 to Alaskans recently who are very unhappy with what  
5 has happened to their life-style in Alaska. Small  
6 cities which were pleasant to live in have just become  
7 huge sprawling suburbs with houses dotted from one  
8 edge of the horizon to the other, and these people are  
9 very unhappy about it. A thing that I should like to-  
10 -see is that we do send people to Alaska who are  
11 competent to sort of bring back statistics so that  
12 they can be used in the planning of any type of  
13 pipeline that crosses through this part of Northern  
14 Canada.

15 It would seem to me that the  
16 crucial point is the lapse between the decision of the  
17 routing of the pipeline and the commencement of the  
18 actual building of the pipeline. This, it seems to me,  
19 is what will really interest the people of Whitehorse,  
20 because in the -- in this Territory the developments of  
21 land has been very slow and very difficult, and if  
22 you've been involved in local government you know how  
23 very difficult it is to get a land assembly completed  
24 and then land and lots, you know, onto the market, and  
25 we are at the stage of our development now where we  
26 have a city planner. We have a very good Planning  
27 Board, and we have people who are willing to make the  
28 input, give it the time, and we would like, if plans  
29 are made, for them to be good plans that will serve  
30 this community well over the years.



1 slash out trailer camps or whatever it is that is  
2 needed, and we shall be left with a mess for years and  
3 years to come., I think that any Whitehorse person is  
4 probably very concerned about this sort of situation at  
5 this point. Obviously we don't know just how the plans  
6 will go, but these are the sort of thoughts that are in  
7 our minds.

8 We would like our city to  
9 remain beautiful, even though we do realize that it  
10 will increase in size. Thank you very much.

11 Q Thank you, ma'am, I  
12 think I should tell you that we are trying to learn  
13 insofar as we can from what is happening in Alaska now,  
14 and one of the participants in this Inquiry, Canadian  
15 Arctic Resources Committee, called as a witness this  
16 afternoon Magistrate Sprecker from Glennallen, that's a  
17 small community in Alaska on the route of the pipeline,  
18 and he discussed for an hour or two this afternoon with  
19 us the impact it had had on crime and on the community  
20 itself, and tomorrow I've been told that we will be  
21 hearing from some other Alaskans who have come over to  
22 speak at the Inquiry. They will be heard from in the  
23 daytime, but I think I should tell you we are anxious  
24 to learn all we can, and you said "competent people  
25 should go to Alaska," I went myself two months ago,  
26 which may -- well, to learn what I could, and so the  
27 suggestion you make is one that I think is well worth  
28 pursuing and we are trying to.

29 Thank you for your submission.

30 A Thank you.

1 (WITNESS ASIDE)  
2 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes ma'am?  
3 MRS. PAT DELANEY sworn:  
4 THE WITNESS: My name is Pat  
5 Delaney. I represent the other 20% of the natives in  
6 the Yukon that Commissioner Smith failed to mention.  
7 The Yukon Association of Non-Status Indians. What I  
8 have, Mr. Berger, is a letter of support of the Council  
9 for Yukon Indians brief, and I'd like to read it.  
10 THE COMMISSIONER: Please do,  
11 A Dear Mr. Berger, The  
12 Yukon Association of Non-Status Indians agrees with and  
13 fully supports the brief of the Council for Yukon  
14 Indians. We do not therefore intend to submit a compre-  
15 hensive brief, but we will make a few comments in this  
16 letter which we want included in the record of the  
17 Inquiry.  
18 Our unpleasant experiences in  
19 the past with the dominant society's reckless rush to  
20 take wealth from the land causes us to be cautious.  
21 Surely no one can fault us for insisting on land  
22 settlement before another huge project goes ahead.  
23 Native people do not wish to make the terrible sacrifices  
24 they have made in the past to satisfy excessive consumer  
25 demands by urban and industrial life-styles. We want to  
26 have a quality life-style, but we are convinced that we  
27 can only achieve it if we have control over our economic  
28 development through a land settlement before further  
29 large-scale developments happen in the Yukon.  
30 We congratulate you, Mr.

