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## STATE WILL SEEK COURT REVIEW OF RCA TARIFF RULING

(Juneau) - Governor Frank H. Murkowski and Attorney General Gregg Renkes announced today that they will seek court review of the RCA's recent order lowering intrastate tariffs on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

The state's appeal is narrowly focused to target important policy issues of concern to the state. These issues include the need for the state to be a full participant in cases that have a significant effect on the future of the state; protection of the state's ability to negotiate settlements with industry to increase fiscal certainty for all parties; assurance that the intrastate tariff structure is consistent with antitrust laws and can be reconciled with federal tariff requirements; and protection of the state from the adverse financial consequences that may result from the decision.

"The state cannot protect its interests if it does not participate in important cases such as this one," Murkowski said. "At this point, we do not know whether the parties will engage in settlement talks to attempt to resolve the dispute or not. If they do, however, it is imperative that the state be involved in those talks."

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