

**Final Mission Report
Travel to Anchorage, Alaska
Resource Development Council's Annual Conference
November 16-18, 2010
Executive Summary**

Diana McQueen, MLA Drayton Valley-Calmar and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, represented Alberta at the Resource Development Council's Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska November 16-18, 2010. In a session titled "North American Energy Security," Mrs. McQueen presented on the oil sands and Alberta's energy and environmental priorities.

Mission Objectives

The mission was successful in meeting a number of objectives, which were to:

- profile Alberta as a secure, reliable and responsible energy supplier for North America;
- advance Alberta's clean energy messaging in Alaska;
- reinforce the value of the Alaska natural gas pipeline tying into the Alberta Hub;
- promote Alberta as a strong supporter of greater economic cooperation with Alaska and the United States; and
- promote Alberta U.S. ties.

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Travel to Anchorage, Alaska

Mrs. McQueen met with Mr. Larry Persily, U.S. Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects and Mr. Chris Cuddy, Assistant Commissioner of Natural Resources Canada and the Northern Pipeline Agency to discuss the Alaska pipeline project and the value of connecting it through the Alberta Hub.

Mrs. McQueen met with Jennifer Loten, Canadian Consul in Anchorage who provided a comprehensive update on the recent U.S. mid-term election results in Alaska, as well as an update on the economy of the region.

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

As Alberta's representative at the conference, Mrs. McQueen attended all sessions, which were also used as strategic opportunities to network with legislators and business leaders from across the state to advance Alberta's clean energy interests.

Resource Development Council: Day One

Panel Discussion: North American Energy Security

Mrs. McQueen represented Alberta on a panel at the Resource Development Council conference on “North American Energy Security.” Her presentation highlighted Alberta’s oil sands development efforts and emphasized that they represent a secure and environmentally responsible supply of energy to the U.S.

VIP Networking Reception: Hosted by Government of Canada

Mrs. McQueen attended the reception where she profiled Alberta as a secure, reliable and responsible energy supplier for North America and advanced Alberta’s clean energy messaging.

**Thursday, November 18, 2010
Resource Development Council: Day Two****Opening Session: Alaska Governor Sean Parnell**

Mrs. McQueen attended the keynote address delivered by Governor Sean Parnell, which provided details on the make-up of his new cabinet. He also announced that upcoming changes to Alaska’s tax regime would make the state more competitive in attracting investment.

Mrs. McQueen attended a number of conference sessions that focused on creating a sustainable future in the Alaska oil and gas industry, Alaska’s natural gas transportation projects, projections of shale gas production in the lower 48 states and U.S. federal policies regarding off-shore drilling, endangered species and water usage. Key sessions attended included:

- **Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects: Larry Persily**
Conference delegates listened to an update from Mr. Persily on why Alaska and the State Treasury need the pipeline and discussed several issues that show support for a pipeline to be built.
- **The Alaska Pipeline Project: TransCanada**
Conference delegates received an update from TransCanada on this joint initiative between TransCanada and ExxonMobil.

Travel to Edmonton.