

## Coalition Meeting Recap

The May 2, 2024 Technical Committee Meeting began with a welcome and legislative letter update. The letter focused on HB 394, setting the regulatory framework for commercial pipeline carriers to store third party natural gas. There was no new business, so the Southcentral utilities began their presentations.

According to Bart Armfield of Chugach Electric Association, activity has to occur in the Cook Inlet Basin in order to meet demand. He also emphasized that LNG imports are currently at the top of the list to close the gap in an affordable manner. Small-scale LNG imports would include a Floating Storage and Regasification Unit. This is not a conclusion shared by the entirety of the Committee.

Coordination, cooperation, and regulatory approval will help speed up the few-year process planning, permitting, and developing process. Utilities have the responsibility to meet the energy requirements and demands of Southcentral Alaska. All options to mitigate price increase and provide reliable energy are still on the table.

The Technical Committee also began to discuss future long-term projects, such as a legislative letter outlining their support for certain principles and a potential outreach campaign.