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Subject: RE: Smart Pigging of oil transit line

John,

Thanks for the support on this issue.

This line has been both maintenance pigged and smart pigged in the past, so we do have some history on this line. The main concern is the fact that velocities in this line have been significantly reduced over the last few years and the quantity of solids which are laying in the bottom is entirely unknown.

Should these solids be significant, then we will have a problem at Pump 1 with the meter sieves blocking off. The concern therefore has to be to have sufficient contingency plans in place to allow us to pig and capture the solids without knocking Pump 1 over.

We are currently working through Bill and Garry with Pump 1 to get a consensus with Alyeska as to the contingencies which we need to have in place, and plan to maintenance pig the line a couple of months prior to the smart pig run in 1998.

We are at present working with British Gas to come up with a long term smart pigging contract which will secure a price break on BGs services in exchange for minimum/maximum number of lines to be pigged in any given year. Our approach, is likely to consist of a rolling 5-10 year program which inspect ALL the major WOA flow lines, gas/oil/water, over the life of the contract. This will require putting together an suitable long term AFE.

As plans progress I'll keep you informed, however, if you have any comments or questions please let me know.

Thanks.

Richard.

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Richard,

I understand Smart pigging of the Oil Transit line was considered this year, but decided against given the short preparation time. Can you please work towards making a recommendation on Smart pigging of this line for 98 and work the schedule and any budget issues with Bill/Garry and Dan/Dennis. We'll also need to address the operational issues/risks of which I believe you are aware and I would appreciate your assessment of them.

Thx,

John