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Petersburg Borough Assembly
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Subject: Non-Objection to the Creation of a Service Area in Thomas Bay region, Petersburg, AK

To: Petersburg Borough Assembly

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) has reviewed the Petersburg Borough's request for written consent to create a service area in the Thomas Bay region in Petersburg, Alaska. The request was submitted to satisfy requirements under Section 14.03(A)(2) of the Petersburg Borough Charter, which authorizes the assembly to establish new service areas when the ordinance describes the boundaries and specifies the powers to be exercised, and obtains written consent from all real-property owners when no voters reside within the proposed area.

Based on the materials provided and DMLW's review of the state-managed lands within the proposed boundaries, DMLW confirms that the State of Alaska is the owner of real property located within the proposed Thomas Bay Service Area. After evaluating the proposed boundary and powers to be exercised in the proposed service area, DMLW has no objection to the Petersburg Borough's creation of a service area as described.

This letter constitutes DMLW's written consent for the purposes of the Petersburg Borough Charter Section 14.03(A)(2). This consent is limited to the establishment of the service area and does not authorize any specific land use activity or approval of any project, permit, or development that may subsequently be proposed within the service area. Under Alaska law, state-owned land is exempt from municipal property taxation because the State of Alaska is not a taxable entity. All future activities on state land remain subject to applicable state laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Colles".

Christy Colles
DMLW Director

Cc: Rachel Longacre, Chief of Operations
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