EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED ITEMS FOR THE ALASKA HIGHWAY GAS PIPELINE

June 10, 1980

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to Paragraph 7 of the Agreement⁽¹⁾ between Canada and the United States on the Principles Applicable to a Northern Natural Gas Pipeline (Pipeline Agreement) and the recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of Canada regarding procedures to ensure procurement on a generally competitive basis for the Alaskan Natural Gas Transportation System.

As a result of these discussions, the Government of the United States agrees to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada permitting the mutual and reciprocal implementation of preedures governing the purchase of specified items for the Alaskan Natural Gas Transportation System.

In fulfillment of this agreement, the United States agrees to adopt the procurement procedures contained in the Annex to this note. It is understood that the procedures in the Annex are subject to regulatory approval in the United States, specifically the amendment of the conditional certificates of the Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company, of the Pacific Gas Transmission Company, and of the Northern Border Pipeline Company by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the United States. It is further understood that Canada will also adopt the procurement procedures contained in the Annex to this note, and bring them into force with Canadian regulatory process.

In the event of disputes regarding implementation of the procurement procedure in the United States of America or in Canada, either country may request consultations in accordance with paragraphs 7(b) and 8 of the Pipeline Agreement.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Canada, this note and its Annex, together with your note in reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments with effect from the date of your reply.

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1977 No. 26