## John Bennett

From: Sent: To: Subject: John Bennett Monday, December 20, 2021 3:28 PM 'Dan Britton' RE: IGU Question

Thanks to both of you! JohnB

From: Dan Britton [mailto:dwbritton@interiorgas.com]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 8:51 AM
To: Steven Haagenson <shaagenson@gci.net>; John Bennett <JBennett@rmconsult.com>
Subject: RE: IGU Question

Yes, that is correct we are a political subdivision of the Borough.

You do not need permission to use IGU publicly available materials.

Thank you,

Dan Britton.

From: Steven Haagenson <<u>shaagenson@gci.net</u>> Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 11:14 AM To: John Bennett <<u>JBennett@rmconsult.com</u>> Cc: Dan Britton <<u>dwbritton@interiorgas.com</u>> Subject: Re: IGU Question

I was out of town when I got your e-mail and dropped the ball.

I am forwarding this request to Dan Britton, General Manager for IGU for the official answer, but the quick answer is we are a political subdivision and subject to public information requests.

Steven Haagenson Interior Gas Utility– Chair 907-460-7184



From: John Bennett <<u>JBennett@rmconsult.com</u>> Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 10:41 AM To: Steven Haagenson <<u>Shaagenson@gci.net</u>> Subject: IGU Question Steve, my email below may have gone astray and when I ran into John H and Karen at Walmart the other day, they gave me your email address. On the off chance that the first email did not really go astray and that this is a subject you really don't want to discuss, please feel free to reprimand John H for giving up your personal email address. Also, please feel free to pass the buck if there is someone else I should be talking to. Thanks, JohnB

From: John Bennett Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2021 1:15 PM To: <u>Steve@interiorgas.com</u> Subject: IGU Question

Good afternoon Steve – Hope all is well with you. I'm still with R&M Consultants but I consider myself to be about 90-95% retired. I'm emailing you because of your role on the IGU board. I'm figuring that either you can answer my question off the top of your head or you can point me in the right direction.

Back in 2014, I worked on a subcontract to Michael Baker to produce an "Existing Right-of-Way Assessment" for the IGU Phase II design. Essentially, I researched the basis for a variety of existing ROW in the North Pole area to determine whether they were suitable for placement of IGU lines. And where they were not, that defined what new ROW IGU needed to acquire for the project. Throughout my career I have made presentations to surveyors, title & ROW professionals on researching ROW issues. I use real project case studies and as most of my work has been DOT or local government based and subject to the State Public Records Act, there has been no issue in using the reports I produced for public presentations. After transferring to R&M, when I work on a project for a private client, I have to pay more attention to the confidentiality agreement associated with our contracts. In those cases, I request a release from the private client so I can use the reports I produced for them in my seminars. For example, I did a similar research project for the City of North Pole on the water system expansion project. As they are subject to the Public Records Act, I didn't have to obtain written permission from them to use my reports in presentations. Others aren't always so clear. I did a couple of projects for the Alaska Gas Line Development Corp. and while they appear to be a state owned entity, they are specifically excepted from the Public Records Act.

My question for you is due to the fact that I'm not exactly sure what IGU is. I see that it is a "wholly owned subsidiary of the FNSB" so that makes me wonder if I could just treat it like any other state or local governmental entity, or if it is more like AGDC and I would need to get an email or something in writing before I could use my report publically. I have attached the report so you can see what I'm talking about. There are additional attachments that speak directly to local section line easements, DOT ROW, and subdivision roads. All of the research materials used to prepare the report are public either available at the recorder's office or public agencies.

So, having said all that I'm hoping you can either tell me that I don't need a written release from IGU because they are essentially the FNSB, or if I do need one, who I should be talking to. That's about it. Thanks for any light you can shed on this. JohnB

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