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Mr. B. A. Campbell
Commissioner
State of Alaska
Department of Highways
P.O. Box 1467
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

This is in reply to your letter of September 6, 1972, concerning the modification of Public Land Order 3520 (Rampart Powersite Classification) which is necessary to allow the Department of Highways to construct that portion of the haul road from Livengood to Prudhoe Bay which lies within this withdrawal.

We, presently, have on file in the Fairbanks District and Land Office an application (F-14122) for the portion of the haul road from the Yukon River crossing south to the boundary of the withdrawal.

We have located a file which contains papers and maps referring to the portion of the haul road from the Yukon River crossing north to the northern boundary of the power withdrawal. This material was serialized under Anchorage serial number AA-6116 as a petition for modification of Public Land Order 4582. Since the material was filed January 8, 1972, it could only be treated as a petition for modification of PLO 4582 as such modification was, in January 1971, necessary to allow filing of any type of application.

Since PLO 4582 was revoked by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, no further action was taken on the petition for modification of PLO 4582. However, since case file AA-6116 contains all of the information necessary to allow us to process it as an application for a right-of-way under Revised Statute 2477, we are combining this file with F-14122 under the Fairbanks serial number. This will allow us to process the entire right-of-way application as a unit and will eliminate much duplication of effort.

It is also noted that, if the remainder of the R.S. 2477 road is to lie within the utility corridor, Public Land Order 5150, of December 20, 1971, will also have to be modified, as it withdrew the lands it covers from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, and only unreserved, public domain lands are subject to appropriation under Revised Statute 2477. Therefore, we will need an application from the State of Alaska, Department of Highways, covering the area from the northern boundary of PLØ 3520 (Rampart) to Prudhoe Bay.

Sincerely yours,


Acting State Director