

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE LES GARA

March 25, 2013

Governor Sean Parnell  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: Request for Administration Billings and all Reports from Baker Hughes, Gaffney, Cline & Associates, Rich Ruggiero, and Bob George under 2010-2013 Services Contract

Dear Governor Parnell and Commissioner Butcher:

Upon closer examination of your contracts with oil and gas consultants Baker Hughes and Gaffney, Cline & Associates, I noticed that reports may have been produced for the state. I would like to see them, and know what billing has occurred under these contracts.

I am therefore writing to supplement my information request for access to experts hired by the Administration, namely Rich Ruggiero and Bob George of Gaffney, Cline & Associates and Baker Hughes (which are related companies). To date these consultants have been kept from legislators and not allowed to perform analysis, provide recommendations, or consult with legislators. We think that given the importance of Alaska's oil tax laws that more information, even from consultants you may disagree with, will result in better protection of Alaska's interests.

As we've seen from a 2010 contract, which was renewed this year for another \$2 million in billable contract services, both of those gentlemen who helped write ACES and analyze oil tax laws are still under contract with the State.

Here are our additional Public Records Act requests.

First, the 2010 contract asked Baker Hughes and Gaffney, Cline & Associates to evaluate, among other things, Alaska's oil tax law, possible amendments to it, and other questions related to oil tax policy. They were to issue reports and recommendations. I request all the reports generated by these contracted companies that relate to oil taxes in Alaska. This includes recommendations, their work analyzing Alaska oil tax policy, oil tax policy in other jurisdictions, and all other reports and charts they issued relating to oil taxes whether in Alaska or elsewhere.

The 2012 contract extends that scope of work through 2013, so I request all such work between January 1, 2010 and the current date.

I would also request all billing statements for 2010-2013 to Gaffney, Cline & Associates and Baker Hughes, as well as which individual contractor billed what amounts for those payments. I would also like any documents as part of those billing statements showing the subject matter their work applied to.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Les Gara", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Representative Les Gara

Attachment: Services Contract

cc: Randy Ruaro, Office of the Governor  
Bryan Butcher, Department of Revenue