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In brief

Diane Benson hired for Energia Cura job

Diane Benson, whose resume includes unsuccessful bids for Congress and lieutenant governor, has been hired by Fairbanks-based Energia Cura as its new public relations director for its efforts to develop the Arctic Fox gas pipeline.

Calling it a "perfect fit," Energia Cura partner Thomas Chapman praised Benson's skills and enthusiasm for

Alaska natural gas projects.

Energia Cura is developing plans for a holding company that would provide Alaska companies and residents an opportunity to own shares in the pipeline. In a press release, the company said its goal is to provide an 11 percent annual rate of return while lowering Alaskans' wholesale energy costs by half.

Energia Cura is involved in a variety of industries such as oil, gas, mining and transportation. Its gasline plans are detailed at www.fairbankspipeline-company.com.



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