



ANB – ANS JUNEAU, ALASKA – September 2015

Resolution #15 - 14

Title: Request Funding for Energy Plan for Southeast that eliminates subsidies for diesel fuel

Whereas, Southeast Alaska through the Alaska Energy Authority recently completed an integrated resource plan (IRP) for a number of utilities, without important input from all communities and tribal outreach, with the intent of guiding regional development of energy resources, transmission and public spending which is based on an "insular community concept" and maintenance of the unfair disparity of cost to consumers across the region that currently exists; and

Whereas, this "energy status quo" called for in the IRP disproportionately impacts and discriminates against Native consumers as the highest cost service areas include lands and communities owned and inhabited by Native people; and

Whereas, PCE is paid for by the State of Alaska to most communities in order to equalize the disparity between communities that enjoy infrastructure provided by the SOA to communities like Anchorage, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan (non-rural Alaska) and the rural communities of Alaska; and

Whereas, PCE's do not fully equalize the cost of electricity between largely rural and non-rural communities, and

Whereas, PCE's paid in 2014 were approximately \$ 4 million which while generous on the part of the State of Alaska is not sustainable and likely to disappear as the State's fiscal climate deteriorates, and

Whereas, the previous plans and ignored fundamental problems of energy supply and demand, reliability, disparity in cost between communities, market discipline and the need for power costs in the 5 to 7 cent per Kwh range in order for our region to grow and be competitive; and

Whereas, a grid connection to British Columbia and the Yukon must be planned for in order to implement market discipline, to provide sufficient import to allow for the construction of new energy resources and a basis for exporting excess power in order to realistically reduce regional rates to below 10 cents per kwh,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANS Camp 2 and the ANB & ANS Camp 70, assembled in a joint meeting in September 2015, request Grand Camp assembled in October 2015, the Centennial Year of the ANS, the Centennial Year of the ANS, request that the political

leadership of Southeast develop a plan to electrify our region and the Alaska State Legislature fund the completion of an energy plan for Southeast with the objective of eliminating power cost equalization for the region and replacing this expenditure with infrastructure that allows participation by a broad array of power producers including municipal, coops, Tribal and Independent Power Producers utilizing customers without consideration of boundaries and nationality, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ANB and ANS requests that all planning efforts related to economic development road and transmission planning and construction by state and federal entities be pulled together and that the USFS, Commerce, USDOT and the State of Alaska through the ADOT and AEA be required to cooperate with a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) and that the Alaska Legislature this upcoming session establish, charter and fund an RTO for Southeast so that vested interest no longer hold back the health, safety, welfare and prosperity of our people which is so damaging to our people, our communities and culture.

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