

Juneau and Vicinity Building & Construction Trades Council

722 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801

April 7, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Delegation;

The Juneau Building and Construction Trades Council would like to express its support for appropriations to extend the electrical transmission lines to the end of the Glacier Highway. This is beneficial environmentally and would reduce energy costs for residents and developers alike toward the end of the road. Expanding access to Juneau's cheap hydropower is one way to help our community grow and secure economic opportunity for our residents.

Respectfully,

Tom Brice, President
Juneau Building and Trades Council



Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp #70 Glacier Valley

RESOLUTION 02 -12

SUPPORTING THE LICENSING, DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SWEETHEART LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT NEAR JUNEAU

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood is the oldest Native American civil rights organization whose mission has been the advancement of civil rights, education, cultural preservation and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is abundant in hydropower but hydropower development is expensive as it is essential to providing low cost energy now and in the future for Southeast Alaska Native communities and community members; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower, Inc. a hydropower development company based in Juneau is developing the Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project with respect for Native values and is committed to working with local tribes and Native entities for mutual benefits; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower, Inc. acknowledges and respects that Sweetheart Creek is identified as a historical trapping and fishing ground of the Taku people (Goldschmidt and Haas report) as well as through recent cultural studies and Juneau Hydropower Inc. further encourages federal and state agencies to recognize these findings.

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower, Inc. is committed to increasing the subsistence and personal fishing opportunities for Juneau's Native community through improved spawning habitat improvements and working to substantially increase the size of returning sockeye salmon and further is committed to working with the Douglas Indian Association now and in the future to ensure that these fishery resources benefit Juneau's Native community.

WHEREAS, there is a need to electrify the Veteran's Highway, and.

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower Inc. has submitted a draft license application and preliminary draft environmental assessment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

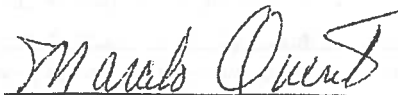
WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower Inc. through its ownership, management, development and operations plan is committed to the traditional and environmental values of the Alaska Native Brotherhood to protect and increase the fisheries as well as to build a hydropower project in an environmentally sensitive manner that

represents how current and future hydropower developments should be built with respect for the environment and with Native values.

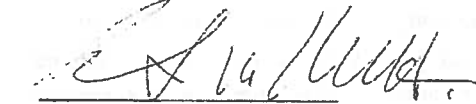
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp # 70 requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and all federal and State of Alaska regulatory agencies approve their Environmental Assessment and issue Juneau Hydropower Inc. a FERC license to develop and operate the Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project; and

NOW, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that ANB Camp # 70 supports the Governor's electrification of the Veteran's Highway and that the capacity be great enough to handle future Southeast Intertie loads and in a manner that connects Juneau to mining interests, economic development opportunities and communities north and south as well as supporting additional hydro development.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp #70 this 1st day of December, 2012.


Marab Quint
ANB Camp #70 President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB Camp #70 on December 1st 2012.


A. V. H. H.
ANB Camp #70 Secretary



Yankee Cove Development, LLC
Adlersheim Wilderness Lodge
2280 Brandy Lane #4
Juneau, AK 99801

November 28, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Legislative Delegation,

Yankee Cove Development, LLC does business as the Adlersheim Wilderness Lodge at 33 mile on the Veterans Memorial Highway north of Juneau. Yankee Cove Development, LLC is a Juneau based company that supports a transmission line and electrical service extension along the Veteran's Memorial Highway (Glacier Highway) to Cascade Point (Echo Cove) that would provide much needed electrical service, communications and increase the safety for the northern areas of the City and Borough of Juneau.

Additionally, one of the most pressing needs for our community is affordable housing. There is developable land along the Veteran's Memorial Highway that cannot be economically developed without electrical services (along with internet and communication services that use transmission poles). As the owner of the Adlersheim Lodge we support the mines and new mining development in the area and know first-hand of many young mine employees who would like to purchase entry level family housing and raise families in Juneau. Providing the expansion of power along the Veteran's Memorial Highway would provide the opportunity for land owners to develop properties for new housing.

For these reasons and others, we support the electrification extension to electrify the northern portions of the City and Borough and request your assistance in the funding and completion of this endeavor. We look forward to your assistance in electrifying the northern portions of the City and Borough of Juneau.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Marion Hobbs" and the second is "Naomi Hobbs".

Marion & Naomi Hobbs, P.E.
Owners



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March 9, 2012

Juneau Delegation
Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Delegation,

Goldbelt Inc. supports any public, private or public/private effort to extend a transmission line and electrical service to Cascade Point, more commonly known as the end of the Juneau Road System North.

In addition to transportation infrastructure support, a transmission line with electrical distribution would provide Juneau an area for economic growth. In addition to the Goldbelt holdings, there are several land owners along Glacier Highway who would directly benefit from extending the electrification of North Juneau. Goldbelt has over 1400 acres that could be reasonably developed with the advent of electrical power and electrification would allow Goldbelt to examine opportunities that could lead to future jobs and economic benefits for Juneau.

Also, there would be obvious environmental and economic advantages to providing clean hydro power to the Kensington Mine. For these reasons we respectfully request your support of this project.

Sincerely,

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KENSINGTON GOLD MINE

Wayne Zigarlick
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March 21, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Delegation,

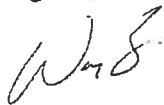
Coeur Alaska, Kensington Gold Mine supports public or public/private efforts to expand reliable, low cost and environmentally responsible energy supply to the Juneau area. Specifically we would, as a potential customer, be in support of extending a transmission line and electrical service to Cascade Point, more commonly known as the end of the Juneau Road System North. A line extension to Cascade Point would increase the feasibility for Southeast power providers to increase hydro capacity to provide for multiple uses along the existing roadway. Such a line, if appropriately sized, could also assist public or public/private efforts to create the infrastructure necessary to potentially provide economical services in the future to our operation.

The Kensington Mine energy needs currently requires over 2.8 million gallons of diesel annually transported to Berners Bay, transferred and then delivered to our mine site generators. The potential for line power in the future would be environmentally beneficial and potentially reduce site energy costs, making the mine a more sustainable operation. The result is that lower energy costs could allow us to provide high paying jobs to the Juneau community for an extended period. Currently we have 250 employees and approximately 100 contractors, and contribute significantly to the Juneau community.

Further, electrification resulting from a connection to the Juneau grid system could assist the CBJ climate action plan goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the Borough. A transmission line to Cascade Point provides environmental benefits to the Juneau community that can be just as important as the economic benefits.

We believe that the transmission line extension to Cascade Point to coincide with the road extension to Cascade Point makes a lot of sense and merits your consideration.

Regards,



Wayne Zigarlick
General Manager



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March 9, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Legislative Delegation,


Grande Portage Resources Ltd. supports an enhanced electrical service extension to Cascade Point (Echo Cove) that would increase the carrying capacity to bring adequate electrical energy resources to our area of interest. Grande Portage Resources Ltd. is currently exploring the mineral viability of the Herbert Glacier Project in North Juneau. Electrical energy and transmission line capacity in sufficient quantity would lessen and perhaps eliminate our need for future diesel generation should the Herbert Glacier Project evolve to the point of pre-development permitting.

The elimination of the business requirement for diesel fuel for diesel electrical generation at the Herbert Glacier prospect provides a win-win in that it would lower permitting and operating costs as well as provide increased environmental safeguards and benefits to the Juneau community. Clean, electrical energy transmitted to Glacier Highway would eliminate the bulk of the need for diesel storage. An increased electrical line extension would allow our operation to operate with reduced green house gas emissions and help the City and Borough of Juneau meet its Green House Gas Emission goals cited in the 2011 CBJ Climate Action Plan.

Although we will make the determination to go forward with our project in the future, it is not too early to begin the planning process to ensure that adequate energy resources and transmission line capacity is available to allow us to proceed with private capital investments, the development of new economic activity, Juneau tax base growth and the creation of additional and new family wage jobs for the Juneau community. I would appreciate your support in consideration to advance the upgrade in power capacity to Cascade Point.

Sincerely,

GRANDE PORTAGE RESOURCES LTD.



J. Larsson,
President & CEO

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April 6, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Delegation:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1547 supports energy projects within the state of Alaska, specifically electrical transmission and distribution line extensions. Electrical line extensions from hydro plants will reduce or eliminate fossil fuel generating units. This is beneficial environmentally and would reduce energy costs for communities and developers alike.

A hydroelectric supplied transmission line to the Greens Creek Mine has been in service for several years and has significantly reduced diesel fuel consumption. The same could be said of the Kensington Mine if it was able to connect its energy needs to hydro power.

IBEW Local 1547 members are skilled, safe and efficient craftsmen and women that have many years in the construction industry, building and maintaining both overhead and underground power lines and would like to be a part of these new construction projects.

We would greatly appreciate your support for these types of energy projects.

Sincerely,

Mike Bavard
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November 27, 2012

The Honorable Senator Dennis Egan
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Representative Cathy Munoz
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Beth Kerttula
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 404
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Juneau Delegation:

Ref: Veterans Memorial Highway Electric System Expansion.

Alaska Power & Telephone Company (AP&T) has been made aware of an effort to extend the Juneau electric system north to Cascade Point. This fits into the concept of a SE Alaska Electrical Intertie System that SE Alaska has worked so hard to achieve. We feel this also makes good sense as we in SE Alaska must expand our economy to fight back the loss of population being predicted by the State of Alaska Department of Labor¹.

The majority of SE Alaska is owned and controlled by the federal government and is subject to land use plans and other regulations. This expansion effort would provide electric power to areas currently without it and further not greatly hindered by the USFS roadless rule. Because electric power would be available we feel that development will occur in these areas and the overall economy of SE Alaska will improve. By assisting industry in this regard we would expect potential developments to become more likely than not to get developed. The developments of electrifying this area are multi-faceted as it may even allow existing ferry routes to Skagway and Haines to be shortened and generate significant savings.

¹ Alaska Population Projections • 2010 – 2035 published April 2012.

In addition, there are existing mining developments already in operation (e.g. Kensington Mine) and by making electric power available to via the Veteran's Highway, their ability to operate at a profit and extend the life of their developments will expand local jobs and make it more likely that they can continue to operate. This will also help to assure that current local jobs can continue. The resource industry is one of only a few bright spots in the economy of SE Alaska. An electrical extension to Cascade Point would be a meaningful expression of assistance to that industry (Roads to Resources and Lines to Mines) and show that responsible developments that create local jobs are welcome in the State of Alaska.

However, this is not a free ride, there will still be significant investment required by the private sector for a submarine link and to insure that Juneau has a more than adequate supply of renewable energy that will also create more local jobs. The amount of diesel fuel being used to generate electric power is estimated at 2.8 million gallons per year at the Kensington mine. This is enough fuel to produce about 40 GWH per year. The amount of Carbon Dioxide emission is estimated at 1.915 pounds per kilowatt-hour². The Social Cost³ of Carbon⁴ during the next ten years estimated by AP&T using the reference data is estimated \$25 to 40 dollars per metric ton. The average of the two is a SCC of \$32.40 per MT. The annual emissions from power generation at Kensington is about 35,000 MT per year over a 10-year (hopefully longer) the Social Cost of Carbon (benefit since emissions are reduced with renewable energy) of those emissions totals \$11,340,000 in 2018 \$. If the mine is able to operate for 20-years the extension will be almost be paid for by reducing the cost of carbon emissions.

If we wish to again become a resource based economy in SE Alaska a legislative effort to promote and fund the extension of electrical facilities along the Veterans Memorial Highway is logical and would serve as a tangible expression of support that will encourage resource development and provide benefits to private landholders. The public benefits of interties and electrical extensions create and sustain Alaskan jobs, provide energy security to citizens, communities and businesses and create a positive climate for private investment for energy and economic development throughout SE Alaska.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Grimm
CEO - Alaska Power & Telephone Co.

² Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency "Carbon Dioxide Emissions from the Generation of Electric Power in United States" dated 2000.

³ The SCC is an estimate of the monetized damages associated agriculture productivity, food supply, sea level rise human health malaria, dengue fever, diarrhea, vector borne diseases, cardiovascular and respiratory mortality and property damage from increased extreme weather events and damage to the ecosystem services. Since we are talking about reduced emissions by using hydropower the damages are really benefits from this proposed action.

⁴ Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon of the United States Government. Technical Support Document of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Analysis.