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Senator Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 25

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Alaska Railbelt Cooperative Transmission & Electric Company (ARCTEC) wholeheartedly supports SB 25. As you know, ARCTEC has developed a plan to implement Generation and Transmission for the Railbelt.

ARCTEC's rationale is to pursue three elements that benefit the entire Railbelt.

1. Mitigate the current fuel supply problem in Cook Inlet
2. Seek funding for class 1 transmission upgrades (those transmission systems that directly support multiple electric systems in the Railbelt)
3. Support large scale renewable energy projects

Our investment plan includes utilities and independent power producers (IPP). We feel strongly that SB 25 is excellent investment legislation that will allow AIDEA to invest in commercially feasible projects such as ours.

If ARCTEC can provide further support, please contact our President, Joe Griffith (MEA) at 761-9263.

Sincerely,

Rick Schikora
Chairman