



February 15, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 25

Dear Senator McGuire:

As you are aware the energy infrastructure in Alaska is in need of much repair and upgrades. Senate Bill 25 is crafted with the electric utilities in mind and tailored to meet the needs of other energy providers. I applaud your introduction of the concept.

We offer our strong support of SB 25 and believe that this bill is an excellent investment tool that will permit AIDEA to support commercially viable energy projects as has not been done by the state since 1993. SB 25 fills a major void by creating a revolving loan fund through AIDEA for energy projects that will help remove politics from project funding.

Implementation of this concept will take us back to the days when energy infrastructure projects were enthusiastically supported by the state through the Alaska Energy Authority.

Sincerely,

Evan J. Griffith
General Manager

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