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The Honorable Mike Hawker
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 505
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Water and Sewer Services in Alaska

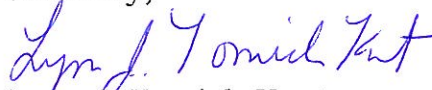
Dear Co-Chairman Hawker:

During the House Finance Committee hearing on February 2, 2009 Representative Gara asked two questions of the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding water and sewer services in Alaska.

First, he asked how many communities are paying more than \$100/month for water and sewer services. We conducted a survey of 85 communities and found that 22% charged a residential rate which totaled \$100 per month or greater. Survey results are enclosed.

Second, Representative Gara asked how many rural households have been disconnected from piped sewer and water service due to financial hardship in comparison to how many households have been connected to service. As part of the survey mentioned above, we asked if any customers had requested to be disconnected from service due to financial hardship. None of the communities responding answered yes to this question. In contrast, over the last ten years, the number of rural households receiving sanitation service has grown at an average rate of 2.5% per year or 875 homes per year. Currently an estimated 89% of all rural households are connected to a piped or covered haul system.

Sincerely,



Lynn J. Tomich Kent
Director

Enclosure
cc: House Finance Committee Members
Marit Carlson-VanDort, Legislative Liaison

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Survey of Piped Water and Sewer User Fees
 February 6, 2009

No	Community	Monthly Residential Household Rate			Total	Notes
		Water	Sewer	Combined		
1	Cold Bay			\$186.00	\$186.00	
2	Lower Kalskag			\$160.00	\$160.00	
3	Deering			\$155.00	\$155.00	
4	Buckland	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$150.00	
5	Selawik			\$130.00	\$130.00	
6	Tanana			\$130.00	\$130.00	
7	Haines	\$46.93	\$77.47		\$124.40	
8	Ambler			\$120.00	\$120.00	
9	Brevig Mission			\$120.00	\$120.00	
10	Fort Yukon			\$118.50	\$118.50	
11	Akiachak			\$118.00	\$118.00	
12	Kobuk			\$115.00	\$115.00	
13	Bethel	\$86.25	\$27.00		\$113.25	
14	Nulato			\$110.00	\$110.00	
15	Noatak			\$108.00	\$108.00	
16	Akiak			\$105.00	\$105.00	
17	McGrath	\$60.00	\$45.00		\$105.00	
18	Kotzebue	\$69.30	\$31.83		\$101.13	
19	Grayling			\$100.00	\$100.00	
20	Gambell			\$95.00	\$95.00	
21	Whittier	\$47.17	\$47.17		\$94.34	
22	Skageway	\$60.00	\$30.30		\$90.30	
23	Klawock	\$42.81	\$46.13		\$88.94	
24	Chevak			\$85.00	\$85.00	
25	Chignik Lake			\$85.00	\$85.00	
26	Goodnews Bay			\$85.00	\$85.00	
27	Hooper Bay			\$85.00	\$85.00	
28	Savoonga			\$80.00	\$80.00	
29	Upper Kalskag		\$80.00		\$80.00	No water fee (household use individual wells)
30	Fairbanks	\$36.09	\$43.85		\$79.94	
31	Juneau	\$23.00	\$56.00		\$79.00	
32	Nome	\$36.00	\$43.00		\$79.00	
33	Seward	\$34.17	\$43.11		\$77.28	
34	Unalaska	\$28.96	\$47.31		\$76.27	
35	Dillingham	\$32.07	\$43.40		\$75.47	
36	Alakanuk			\$75.00	\$75.00	
37	Anchorage	\$44.24	\$29.00		\$73.24	
38	Elim	\$45.00	\$25.00		\$70.00	
39	Emmonak			\$70.00	\$70.00	
40	Russian Mission			\$70.00	\$70.00	
41	South Naknek			\$70.00	\$70.00	
42	Toksook Bay			\$70.00	\$70.00	
43	Barrow	\$55.00	\$14.00		\$69.00	
44	Cordova	\$29.58	\$38.95		\$68.53	
45	St. Mary's	\$35.50	\$30.50		\$66.00	
46	Thorne Bay	\$36.00	\$30.00		\$66.00	
47	Unalakleet			\$66.00	\$66.00	
48	Chuathbaluk			\$65.00	\$65.00	
49	Kaltag			\$62.50	\$62.50	
50	Petersburg	\$32.47	\$29.52		\$61.99	
51	Ketchikan	\$27.74	\$33.97		\$61.71	
52	Hoonah	\$25.05	\$35.05		\$60.10	

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		Water	Sewer	Combined		
53	Marshall			\$60.00	\$60.00	
54	Shaktoolik			\$60.00	\$60.00	
55	Sleetmute	\$60.00			\$60.00	Water fee only (no community sewer system)
56	Togiak			\$60.00	\$60.00	
57	Nenana	\$29.40	\$29.40		\$58.80	
58	Wrangell	\$24.36	\$31.92		\$56.28	
59	Craig	\$19.50	\$35.00		\$54.50	
60	Kenai	\$13.78	\$40.35		\$54.13	
61	Yakutat	\$25.00	\$26.00		\$51.00	
62	Atka			\$50.00	\$50.00	
63	New Stuyahok			\$50.00	\$50.00	
64	Twin Hills			\$50.00	\$50.00	
65	Soldotna	\$18.90	\$29.62		\$48.52	
66	Larsen Bay			\$46.00	\$46.00	
67	Sitka	\$16.00	\$30.00		\$46.00	
68	Port Lions			\$45.50	\$45.50	
69	Palmer	\$24.75	\$20.45		\$45.20	
70	Homer	\$25.00	\$20.00		\$45.00	
71	Sand Point	\$24.00	\$19.00		\$43.00	
72	Manokotak			\$40.00	\$40.00	
73	Saint Paul	\$20.00	\$20.00		\$40.00	
74	North Pole	\$22.27	\$13.41		\$35.68	
75	Adak	\$20.00	\$15.00		\$35.00	
76	Glenallen		\$30.25		\$30.25	No water fee (household use individual wells)
77	Aniak		\$30.00		\$30.00	No water fee (household use individual wells)
78	Chilkat Indian Village			\$30.00	\$30.00	
79	Hydaburg			\$30.00	\$30.00	
80	Scammon Bay			\$30.00	\$30.00	
81	Kake			\$24.00	\$24.00	
82	Koliganek			\$20.00	\$20.00	
83	Platinum			\$20.00	\$20.00	
84	Pelican	\$5.80	\$0.00		\$5.80	
85	Akutan			\$0.00	\$0.00	Totally subsidized by Trident SF