

Alaska Power & Telephone Company

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3/23/2015

Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

The purpose of this letter is to express Alaska Power & Telephone Company's strong support for House Bill 143, which proposes "legislative approval for a loan from the power project fund to the Lynn Canal Transmission Corporation."

Alaska Power & Telephone (AP&T) was founded in Alaska in 1957, just prior to statehood, and currently provides services in 39 communities, including electrical utility services in the interconnected Lynn Canal communities of Haines, Skagway, and surrounding areas. Over the last 58 years, our company has invested substantially in creation of transmission infrastructure, which has allowed us to utilize energy generation assets in a more economic manner, and serve our customers more affordably.

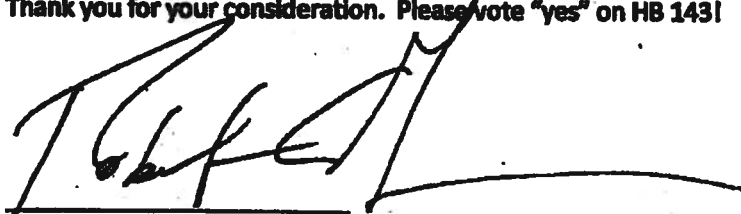
AP&T believes that the Lynn Canal Transmission Corporation's (LCTC's) proposed transmission interconnection between Juneau and the Kensington Mine, and the Kensington Mine and the Lynn Canal communities of Haines and Skagway, will create many tremendous economic benefits for the State of Alaska, and Southeast Alaska.

- **Economic Development for Juneau.** The LCTC project will electrify the existing Veteran's Memorial Highway, allowing for new economic development at private property near the highway.
- **Support for Kensington Mine.** The LCTC project will create an opportunity to provide the diesel-dependent Kensington Mine with cleaner, more affordable energy from renewable hydropower sources, such as the proposed Sweetheart Lake project.
 - **More affordable energy will result in improved economics which prolong the life of the Kensington mine, extending state and local tax revenues and high-paying mining sector jobs much further into the future.**

- **More Affordable, Reliable Incumbent Utility Operations.** Following the interconnection of Juneau with the Kensington mine, transmission can be extended from the Kensington mine to the Lynn Canal communities of Haines and Skagway. Once interconnected, utilities serving the communities of Juneau, Skagway, and Haines will be able to operate existing energy assets in a more affordable manner.
- **More Affordable Development of New Renewables.** Future renewable energy assets can be developed more affordably, due to: 1) increased economies of scale produced by newly interconnected communities, and 2) the proximity of the LCTC transmission system to prospective renewable energy assets.
- **Long Term: Whitehorse to Juneau Intertie.** The Yukon Government, in partnership with the State of Alaska, is currently studying the possibility of creating a transmission interconnection between Whitehorse, YT and Skagway, AK. In the event this project is completed successfully, Juneau would be part of a new transmission system which extends to Yukon Territory, and Whitehorse. This creates many opportunities in terms of more affordable operation of existing assets, improved economics of scale, and development of new renewables. Plans are already moving forwards for a new fiber optic connection between Juneau and Skagway, with plans for extending fiber to Whitehorse.

AP&T believes that it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska, as well as the communities of Juneau, Skagway, and Haines, to approve HB143, and provide Power Project Fund borrowing authorization to the Lynn Canal Transmission Corporation. While much of the transmission in Alaska has been built with grants, the LCTC project can be constructed using low interest loans. This approach assures that the State of Alaska will be repaid its initial investment, while also receiving the substantial benefit stream associated with new economic development, extended operations at the Kensington Mine, more affordable operation of existing utility assets, and access to new renewables for future growth.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote "yes" on HB 143!



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A L A S K A
KENSINGTON GOLD MINE

Wayne Zigarlick
General Manager

March 21, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Delegation,

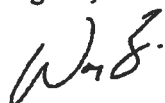
Coeur Alaska, Kensington Gold Mine supports public or public/private efforts to expand reliable, low cost and environmentally responsible energy supply to the Juneau area. Specifically we would, as a potential customer, be in support of extending a transmission line and electrical service to Cascade 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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September 16, 2013

Representative Cathy Munoz
State Capitol
120 4th Street, Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Munoz,

I am writing to reiterate Goldbelt Inc.'s ongoing support of efforts to extend a transmission line and electrical service to Cascade Point, at the current northerly end to the Juneau road system.

In addition to transportation infrastructure support, a transmission line with electrical distribution would provide Juneau with 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 1,400 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.

Next year Goldbelt, Inc. will celebrate its 40th anniversary as Juneau's own Native corporation. For many years we have planned for potential development at Echo Cove, but have been stymied by lack of electrical power. With the completion of the improvements to the Glacier Highway, development at Echo Cove becomes much more feasible. The major missing part is economical electrical power.

As a current transportation service provider to Coeur Alaska, we are also concerned about the continued success of their operation at the Kensington mine. There would be obvious environmental and economic advantages to providing clean hydro power to that operation as well.

For these reasons we respectfully request your support of this project.

Sincerely,

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Juneau and Vicinity Building & Construction Trades Council

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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**

Operating Engineers Local 302, Laborers Local 942, Plumbers and Pipe fitters Local 262, Carpenters Local 2247, IBEW 1547, Teamsters Local 959, Ironworkers Local 751, Painters Local 1959, Sheetmetal Local 23



Yankee Cove Development, LLC
Adlersheim Wilderness Lodge
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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 are shown. The first signature is "Marion Hobbs" and the second is "Naomi Hobbs". Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marion & Naomi Hobbs, P.E.
Owners

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local 1547**

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PRESIDENT



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,

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cc: Mike Hodsdon – Business Manager, IBEW Local 1547



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December 12, 2012

The Honorable Governor Parnell
State of Alaska
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RE: Herbert Gold Project Development Support for the electrification of the Veterans Memorial Highway.

Dear Governor Parnell,

Grande Portage Resources Ltd. (TSX-V "GPG") is a Tier 1 publicly traded mineral exploration company, principally focused on gold discovery in Alaska and British Columbia.

The Herbert Gold project is an early stage, partially drill-tested, high-grade, gold mineralized mesothermal quartz vein system located in the historic Juneau Gold Belt of southeast Alaska. Consisting of 91 unpatented lode claims located 30 km north of Juneau and to the south of Coeur Alaska's new Kensington gold mine. The property covers six parallel vein structures exposed at surface.

Our 2011 and 2012 drill programs were productive and we are now developing our 2013 drill program. Our drill results thus far have been positive. Additional information and press releases on our Herbert Gold Project can be found at www.grandeportage.com. In January 2013 we expect to announce a updated technical report (NI 43-101) and resource calculation.

Grande Portage Resources, Ltd. supports the City and Borough of Juneau in advancing a transmission line and electrical service extension to Cascade Point (Echo Cove) that would increase the carrying capacity of the Veterans Memorial Highway transmission line to bring adequate electrical energy resources to our development area. Grande Portage Resources, Ltd. is investing in and exploring the mineral viability of the Herbert Gold project. Electrical energy and transmission line capacity in sufficient quantity would lessen and perhaps eliminate our need for future diesel generation should our project be permitted and we commence operations. Lower operating costs provided from current and future hydropower development in Juneau provide for not only improved attraction of construction capital through stronger feasibilities, but it would also help provide for a longer mine life and job creation and mining industry job sustainability in the City and Borough of Juneau.

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The elimination of the business requirement for diesel fuel for expensive diesel electrical generation at the Herbert Gold prospect provides a win-win in that it would likely lessen our permitting process as well as provide increased environmental safeguards and benefits to the Juneau community. Clean, electrical energy transmitted along the Veterans Memorial Highway would eliminate the bulk of our need for diesel storage at our site. A transmission line extension would also 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 after the results of our continued and thus successful drilling program, it is not too early to begin the planning process to ensure that adequate energy resources and transmission line capacity is available. Sufficient electrical capacity and transmission enables us to better proceed with private capital investments, the development of new economic activity, Juneau tax base growth and the creation of new family wage jobs for the Juneau community. I would appreciate your support in considering funding in your upcoming capital budget to advance the upgrade in power capacity and the transmission line extension to Cascade Point to support private capital resource development investments and job creation.

Sincerely,

GRANDE PORTAGE RESOURCES LTD



Ian Klassen,
President & CEO

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March 14, 2013

Representative Cathy Muñoz
Room 421
Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811
CC Representative Bill Stoltze

Regarding: SEAS support for the electrification of the Veterans Memorial Highway

Dear Representative Muñoz,

The Southeast Alaska Seiners Association (SEAS) was formed in 1968 by a group of concerned Ketchikan commercial salmon purse seiners. Today, we represent the southeast fleet of commercial purse seiners. SEAS endeavors to balance the interests of all the users of our healthy Tongass so that seiners can harvest their historical and rightful share of the salmon resources in the waters of Southeast Alaska.

We would like to voice our support for your appropriation request to fund the electrification of the Veterans Memorial Highway from Lena Cove to Cascade Point. The electrification of this highway will reduce and in some cases eliminate the need to run diesel generation for homes and businesses along the highway. As you know diesel and fish do not mix and any effort that we can assist to help protect salmon streams and bays should be supported.

Furthermore, the Lynn Canal portion of the southeast marine waterway has spotty or no cellular phone service. The advent of electricity will allow cellular companies to place and service cell towers in Lynn Canal north of Lena Cove, and in the future Berners Bay. Electrification of the highway will enable and allow these companies to expand their cellular service coverage which will not only allow for better day to day communications with commercial fishing vessels, but will also improve the safety for vessels and provide better emergency response and coordination when in distress.

For these reasons we support your request to electrify the Veterans Memorial Highway.

Sincerely,

SEAS Executive Director
Robert Thorstenson JR



BIBLE CAMP • JUNEAU

April 5th, 2013

To:

Senator Dennis Egan

Representative Cathy Munoz

Representative Beth Kerttula

Dear Juneau Legislative Delegation;

Echo Ranch Bible Camp is a non-profit ministry that has been actively working with the children and communities of South East Alaska for almost 50 years. We are located two miles beyond Echo Cove, which is located at the 42 mile marker on the Veterans Memorial Highway.(Glacier Highway)

Echo Ranch, as a community focused organization, strongly supports the development of electrical infrastructure to Cascade Point, allowing us the ability to have access generated electricity. This would greatly reduce our dependence on diesel fuel, allowing us to tap into a renewable energy source while reducing the environmental impact that having to generate our own electricity can make.

The positive long-term implications are many, the biggest of which is the ability to grow organizationally, growth that will not be possible without community infra-structures such as this.

As we strive to continue to bring hope and health to the individuals, families and the communities of Southeast Alaska, your support of this would allow us to work together to bring positive changes to the people of Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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February 14, 2014

Kim Kiefer, City Manager
City and Borough of Juneau
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Re: Juneau Hydropower, Inc.'s FY15 Marine Passenger Fee Proposal: Electrification Availability Option for Passenger Cruise Ships

Dear Ms. Kiefer,

The CBJ Docks and Harbors board would like to provide conditional support for Juneau Hydropower, Inc.'s FY15 Marine Passenger Fee proposal to provide additional infrastructure to service and support the cruise ships docking at CBJ Docks and Harbors berth facilities. Electrification of the new cruise ship docks is a viable project that has many positive merits that are outlined in the submission. Docks and Harbors is preparing reasonable infrastructure that would align with this proposal within both the 16B and the Cruise Ship Terminal Parking Lot projects. Unfortunately, the uncertainty of available surplus power raises some concern.

AEL&P forecasts would limit use of the electrical system to those years with heavy rainfall, currently about one year on four. In addition, AEL&P's previous commitments to Princess and Greens Creek would have priority over this project, and any increases in basic load requirements could further reduce availability, making electrification an empty promise. This project will garner our full support as soon as there is a reasonable expectation that reliable power would be available. Unfortunately, given today's projection for surplus power, it doesn't rise above the funded or unfunded project proposals Docks and Harbors submitted for FY-15 local Marine Passenger Fees.

From a long-term perspective, our Passenger Cruise Ship industry, with hydropower derived cost reductions, makes Juneau a more cost competitive port. The Assembly should consider promoting additional energy generation projects that will provide sufficient surplus power so this can be a worthwhile investment for the community. The eventual electrification of our cruise ship berths will provide a marketing niche for the Juneau Docks and Harbors the ability to market and promote Juneau as a fully electrified port for visiting cruise ships.

Regards,


Gregory C. Busch
Chairman,
Docks and Harbors Board



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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.

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