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The Alaska State Legislature

RE: Senate Bill 205

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing you in my capacity as President and CEO of Alaska Power & Telephone Company ("AP&T") in support of SB 205. AP&T provides energy and telecommunications services to many rural and remote areas of Alaska. Our service area is scattered from Bettles in the north to Metlakatla in the Southeast (over 1,100 miles). We generate about 80% of our generation from renewable, low impact resources and we are diligently improving broadband to our customers via submarine fiber, microwave and fiber to the home.

We believe SB 205 is beneficial to our customers, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and AP&T. The bill updates outdated telecommunications statues that focus on out-dated technology and services. AP&T feels the bill protects consumers by maintaining oversight and it allows both providers and the RCA to be more effiecnet by eliminating unnecessary tariff filings. Cooperatives have been operating without filing tariffs at the RCA for many years and that has proved to be successful for all.

Sincerely

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