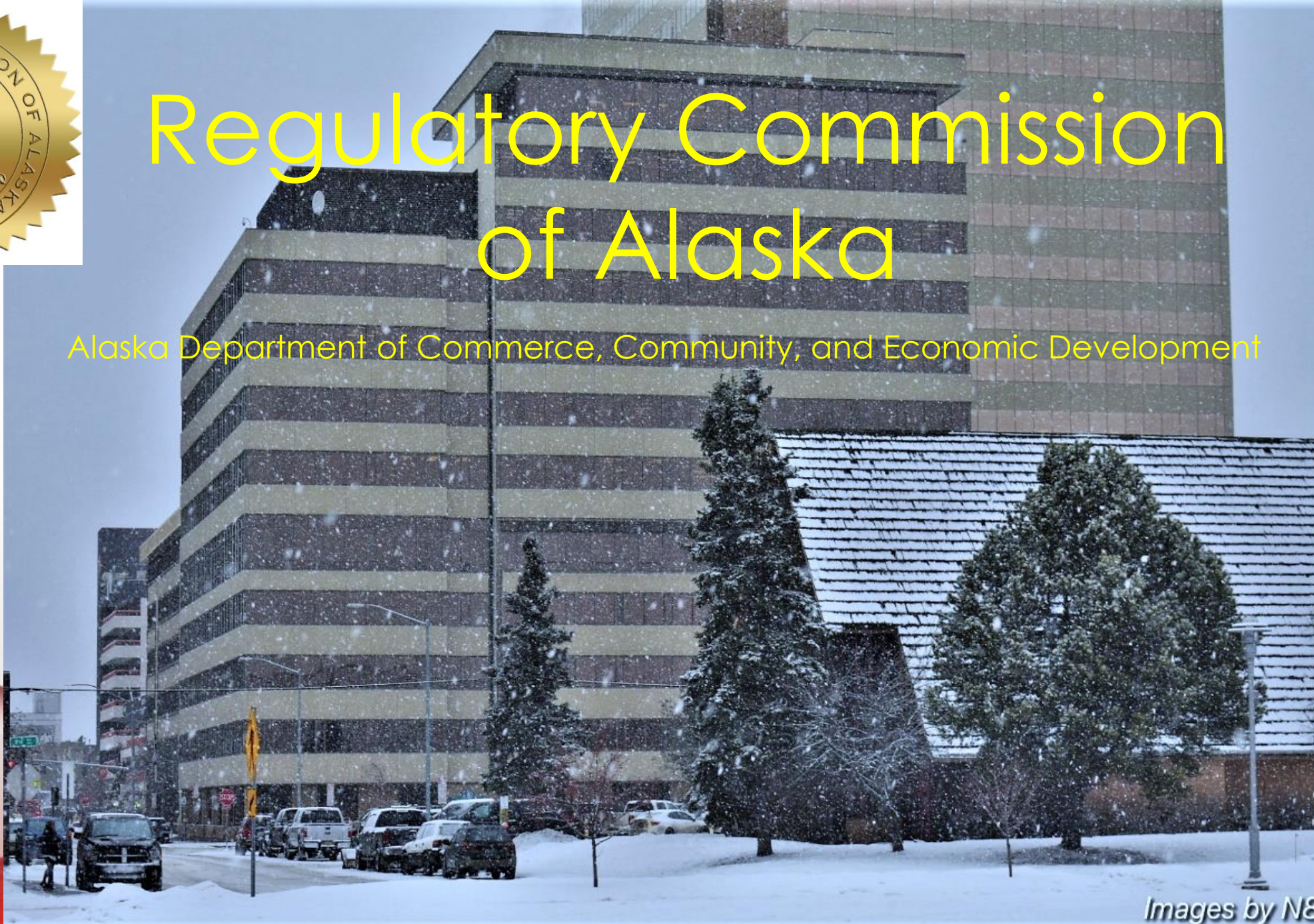




# Regulatory Commission of Alaska

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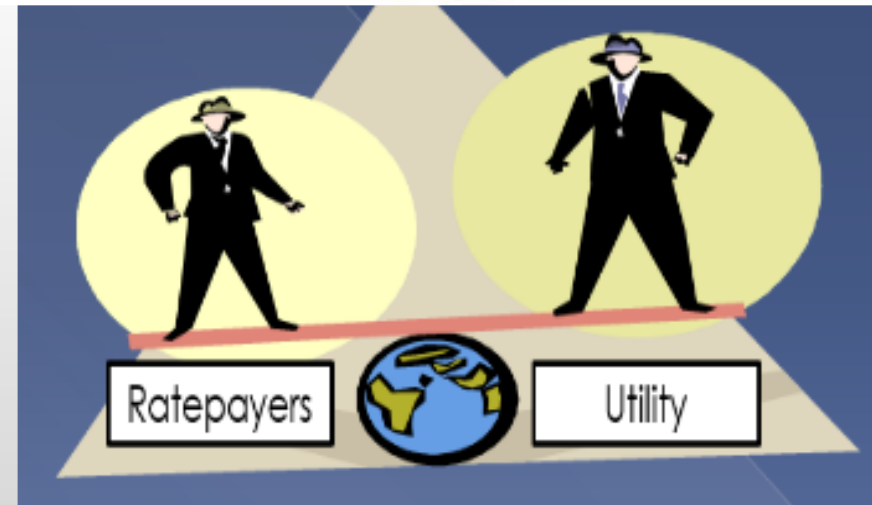
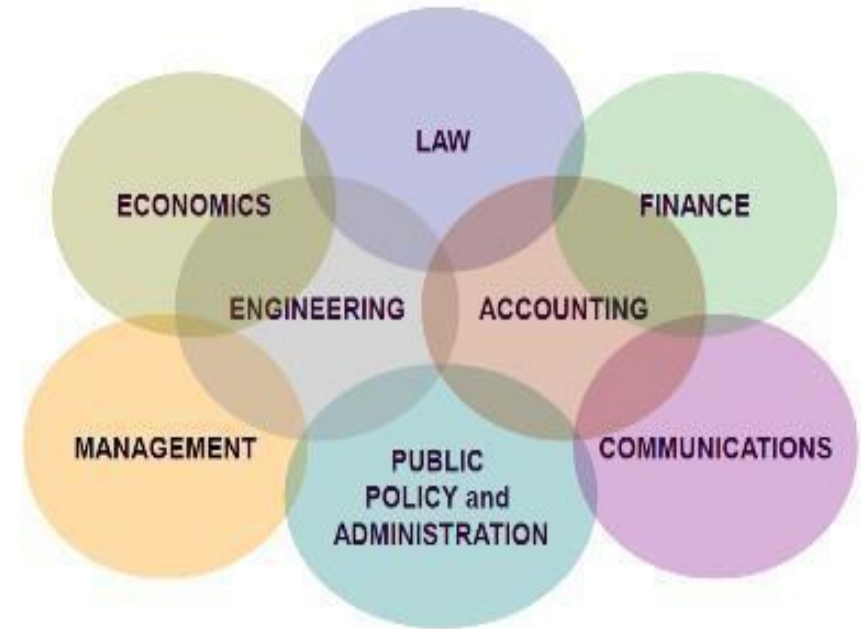
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# MISSION

Assures safe, efficient, and reliable utility and pipeline service is provided at just and reasonable rates to consumers in Alaska.

Promotes consumer interests

Promotes economic development



# HOW THE RCA IS FUNDED

- RCA receives its budget through regulatory cost charges (RCCs)
- RCCs are paid to utilities by customers which then are paid to the RCA
- RCA receives no undesignated general fund money
- RCC rates are calculated and set every fiscal year
- RCCs allow for the provision of consumer and utility services as well as administrative services provided by DCCED, DOA, and DOR

# WHAT DOES THE RCA DO?

- Regulates public utilities by certifying qualified providers of public utility and pipeline services.
- Ensures public utilities provide safe and adequate services and facilities at just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions.
  - Keeps rates as low as possible while allowing regulated entities an opportunity to earn a fair return.
- Determines the per kilowatt-hour support for eligible customers of electric utilities under the Power Cost Equalization program.

# WHOM DOES THE RCA REGULATE?

- Most entities providing services for:
  - Telecommunications
  - Electric
  - Natural Gas
  - Water
  - Sewer
  - Garbage
  - Steam
  - Oil & Gas Pipeline Carriers
- Regulates utility:
  - Rates
  - Services
  - Practices



# 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

- Processed 333 tariff filings
- Opened 149 dockets
- Closed 137 dockets
- Processed 162 informal complaints
- Participated in 11 consumer outreach events

# FY2020 BUDGET

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY2019 Mgmt Plan</b>	<b>FY2020 Gov Amd</b>	<b>Change</b>
Personal Services	6,593.1	6,593.1	-
Travel	34.6	13.0	-21.6
Services	2,394.6	2,394.6	-
Commodities	156.9	156.9	-
Capital Outlay	4.0	4.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,183.2</b>	<b>9,161.6</b>	<b>-21.6</b>

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>FY2019 Mgmt Plan</b>	<b>FY2020 Gov Amd</b>	<b>Change</b>
1007 I/A Receipts (Other)	140.0	139.9	-0.1
1141 RCA Rcpts (DGF)	9,043.2	9,021.7	-21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,183.2</b>	<b>9,161.6</b>	<b>-21.6</b>

# CHALLENGES

- **Acquire, develop, and retain greater expertise** and to process dockets within legislatively established timelines
  - The RCA will adjust to the 50% travel reduction by limiting the number of travel requests to the maximum extent possible. Travel serves to provide and receive expertise from other colleagues in the utility field.
- Federal rulemaking initiatives have a major impact on the telecommunications industry and the electric generation fleet in Alaska
- Major transformation of electric utility sectors driven by an increase in independent generation by utilities and related revision of power transmission protocols without established precedent
- Oversight of small water utilities to ensure that all Alaskans have access to clean water at just and reasonable rates



# QUESTIONS?

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