

# Alaska Rural Energy Considerations



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# DeerStone Projects

Impact of federal funding freeze

- Funding Active - \$34M
- Funding Frozen - \$265M

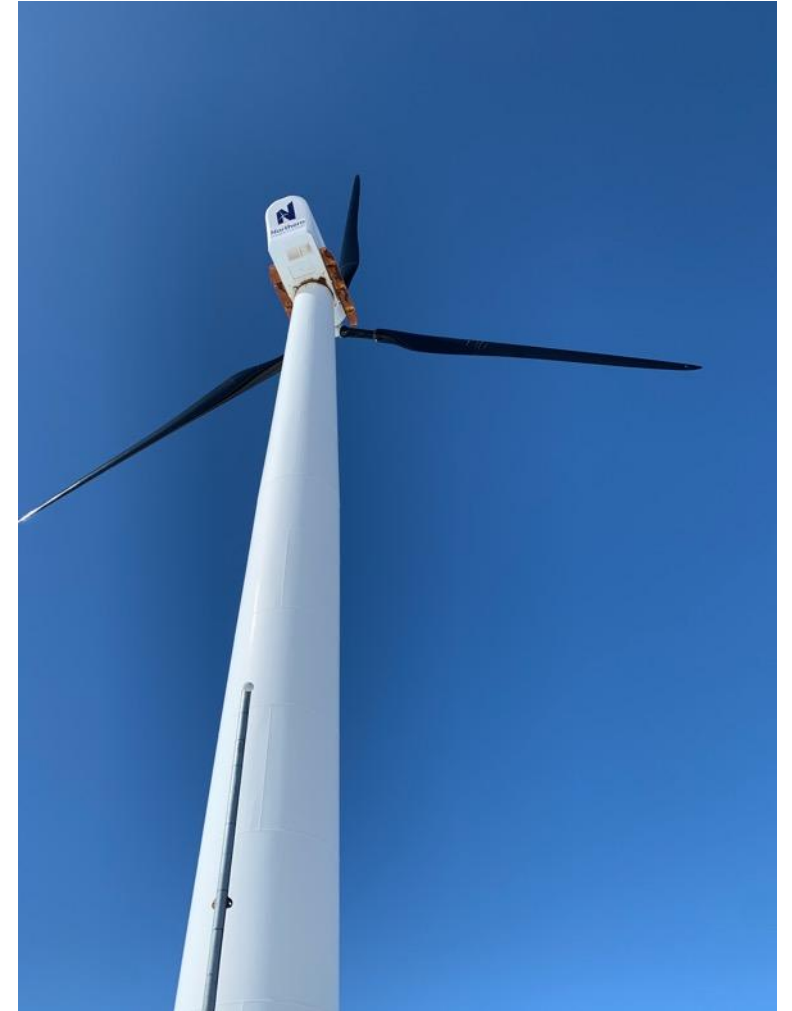
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# Role of State Funding in Rural Communities

- Provides cost share for federal grants
  - Leverages 5:1, or as much as 10:1
- Long-term role of Renewable Energy Fund (REF) funding for rural communities
  - Reduces costs
  - Reduces diesel fuel use
  - Reduces outages
- Mutual accountability between rural utilities & State Legislature
  - Implementing state energy goals
  - Reducing resources needed for emergency outage response



# Role of PCE in Rural Communities

- Vital lifeline for rural utilities
- An alternative state program to support rural utilities and balance investment in Railbelt infrastructure

## GOALS OF PCE

- Equalize cost of power in rural Alaska and the Railbelt
- Incentivize rural utilities to minimize fuel and non-fuel costs
  - Energy conservation
  - Utilization of recovered heat
  - Renewable energy generation





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