NATIVE VILLAGE OF MEKORYUK

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Patty Murphy, Project Administrator Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative, Inc. 301 Calista Court, Suite A Anchorage, Alaska 99518

RE: SUPPORT LETTER FOR CHIKUMINUK LAKE HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Dear Patty:

The Native Village of Mekoryuk understands the energy situation within our area. It is unfair for our region to be paying excessive costs for purchasing energy when crude oil is being pumped out of the northern regions of our State. Mekoryuk pays \$5.47 per gallon for heating fuel.

Therefore, the tribal government from Mekoryuk supports Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative under Calista Corporation from Yukon/Kuskokwim region in its effort to develop a hydroelectric project. A hydroelectric power plant from Chikuminuk Lake for our region will reduce energy costs that have impacted quality of our lives and other economic opportunities.

Lowering our energy costs is our number one priority that will substantially improve the business climate within the Calista Corporation region. Further, the Native Village of Mekoryuk urges the Alaska State Legislature to appropriate \$15.46 million dollars to continue to develop the needed Chikuminuk Lake Hydropower Project for the Calista Region.

Mr. Albert R. Williams

President, Native Village of Mekoryuk

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