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William Bradford, PhD.
National Director, Office of Indian Energy
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Washington, DC

RE: Alaska Road Belt Inter-Tie

Director Bradford,

We at Chitina Electric, Inc. would like to offer support for the efforts to reconnaissance study the Alaskan Road Belt Inter-Tie project. This will assist in the determination that the electrification of the road belt will be of significant benefit to the State of Alaska, Tribal entities, and the military. Additionally, the seed funding for this project may lead to the much needed redundancy and grid electrification of a good portion of Alaska coming to fruition. Moreover, if this critical infrastructure is completed, it will alleviate the high cost of energy throughout much of Alaska, allow development of many natural resources, and promote economic growth to vastly undeveloped, rural areas.

Thank you very much for considering funding this reconnaissance/ feasibility study for the Alaska Road Belt Inter-Tie. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Martin N. Finnesand
President