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Director William Bradford  
National Director, Office of Indian Energy  
Department of Energy  
Washington, DC

**RE: Support for the Alaska Roadbelt Intertie Study**

Director Bradford,

On behalf of the tribal members that myself and our council represent here in the community of Northway, Alaska we are writing this letter to request the US Dept of Energy, Office of Indian Energy's support for a feasibility study on the connection of an electric line between Anchorage, Glennallen and Delta with a spur line to the AP&T grid in Tok, Alaska. Our tribal offices and the majority of our tribal members are located in Northway only 54 miles from Tok and we currently pay nearly 4.5x the national average for electricity \$.50/kWh. This creates immense economic hardship for our tribal members, for our tribal operations staff and it severely limits economic opportunity in our community.

In addition to the benefits that this line could provide for tribal members in Northway there is also the Northway Airport which is the customs station for airplanes entering US air space from Canada. That facility would see drastically reduced electric costs as would the US Customs office at the US-Canadian border only a few miles farther down the Alcan.

Low cost energy is a basic need for any tribal or business entity to succeed and thrive. Our small Alaskan village strongly supports the Office of Indian Energy's funding of this transmission infrastructure. It represents the most direct and possibly the only opportunity that our community has to bring low cost electricity into our community to benefit both federal and tribal facilities.

Thank you for your time and your leadership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Gerald Albert, President

CC: Tanana Chiefs Conference President Victor Joseph  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Senator Dan Sullivan  
Representative Don Young