Meeting Date: March 7, 2019

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF NUSHAGAK ELECTRIC & TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S (NETC) CONTINUING STUDY AND EVALUATION EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY ON THE NUYAKUK RIVER AND SUPPORT FOR THE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW ACCESS TO WOOD TIKCHIK STATE PARK (WTSP) FOR THIS EFFORT

WHEREAS, initial evaluation of more than sixty years of flow data show the water resource at Nuyakuk Falls to have the potential electric generation capacity for communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the project will also bring fiber optic broad band service to all served communities; and

WHEREAS, the responsible development of this power generation facility could have long-term beneficial economic and environmental impacts for these communities, this region and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, NETC has pursued the study of this resource through extensive public outreach and evaluation of available civil and environmental data; and

WHEREAS, the NETC Board of Directors has adopted a Fish First resolution (Resolution 2017-30) that states the priorities of NETC when evaluating any development; and

WHEREAS, NETC has received a preliminary permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to complete the feasibility assessment (regulatory, environmental and engineering); and

WHEREAS, access to Wood Tikchik State Park to complete these studies requires modification of the park's enabling statutes and its park management plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dillingham City Council supports the required feasibility studies of the Nuyakuk hydroelectric site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dillingham City Council supports the changes needed to the Wood Tikchik State Park enabling statutes and its management plan to accommodate the studies necessary for project evaluation and licensing.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on March 7, 2019.

SEAL:

ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk