

SENATE RAILBELT ELECTRIC SYSTEM COMMITTEE Senator John Coghill, Chairman Room 103, State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

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## Intent Statement for CS for Senate Bill 123 (RBE) version \G

It is the intent of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature that under SB 123, reliability standards, electric reliability organization (ERO) tariff standards, planning terms, and project pre-approval requirements will ultimately apply across the entire interconnected Railbelt electric energy network. Broad application is necessary to achieve the desired efficiencies and reliability for Alaskans within the Railbelt.

SB 123 does not in any way affect or change the existing relationship between the RCA and the Bradley Lake project agreements, contracts, and amendments exempt under AS 42.05.431(c). It is, however, the intent of the Alaska State Legislature that after the Bradley Lake project debt is satisfied and the AS 42.05.431(c) exemption expires, those agreements, contracts, and amendments shall be subject to SB 123.

Should Bradley Lake project agreements, contracts, and amendments receive a future extension of the AS 42.05.431(c) exemptions, the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature urges consideration of the relationship between Bradley Lake and associated infrastructure and projects, the Railbelt network, and the electric reliability organization, and emphasizes the intent to subject all interconnected network users, owners, or operators to the reliability standards, an electric reliability organization tariff, planning, and project pre-approval requirements.