

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOTT

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Referred: Labor and Commerce

A RESOLUTION

1 **Encouraging the Matanuska Electric Association to reverse its plan to pursue**
2 **deregulation.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the Matanuska Electric Association has announced plans to attempt to
5 remove itself from regulation by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** one of the principal purposes of electric utility regulation by the
7 Regulatory Commission of Alaska is to protect consumers; and

8 **WHEREAS** deregulation of the electrical industry is an extraordinarily complex
9 issue; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature examined the issue of deregulation of
11 electric utilities in Alaska during the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature and concluded
12 that deregulation was premature in the state; and

13 **WHEREAS** no other Railbelt electric utility is considering removing itself from
14 regulation by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** the deregulation of the electric industry has caused unprecedented
16 shortages of electrical power to consumers in some states; and

1 **WHEREAS** the deregulation of the electric industry has caused massive damage to
2 certain economies in the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska can learn much from the disastrous experiences of
4 electrical deregulation in other states; and

5 **WHEREAS** some states are now working on legislation to reregulate their electrical
6 industries;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature does not support the
8 deregulation plans of the Matanuska Electric Association and encourages the Matanuska
9 Electric Association to reverse its deregulation plan in the best interest of its members.

10 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the board of directors of the Matanuska
11 Electric Association.