

**CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 157(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/05

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ANDERSON, Thomas

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act clarifying the powers of electric cooperatives to become members of or own**  
2 **stock in other entities."**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 10.25.020 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 10.25.020. Powers of electric cooperative.** An electric cooperative may

6 (1) generate, manufacture, purchase, acquire, accumulate, and transmit  
7 electric energy, and distribute, sell, supply, and dispose of electric energy to its  
8 members, to governmental agencies and political subdivisions, and to other persons  
9 not exceeding 10 percent of the number of its members; however, a cooperative that  
10 acquires existing electric facilities may continue service to persons, not in excess of 40  
11 percent of the number of its members, who are already receiving service from these  
12 facilities without requiring them to become members, and these persons may become  
13 members upon the terms as may be prescribed in the bylaws;

14 (2) assist persons to whom electric energy is or will be supplied by the

1 cooperative in wiring their premises and in acquiring and installing electrical and  
2 plumbing appliances, equipment, fixtures, and apparatus by financing them, and, in  
3 connection with these services, wire or have wired the premises, and buy, acquire,  
4 lease, sell, distribute, install, and repair electric and plumbing appliances, equipment,  
5 fixtures, and apparatus;

6 (3) assist persons to whom electric energy is or will be supplied by the  
7 cooperative in constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating electric cold  
8 storage or processing plants by financing them or otherwise;

9 (4) operate a waste heat distribution system;

10 (5) operate a heating distribution system that was in existence on  
11 June 9, 1988;

12 (6) provide sewer, water, or gas utility service if the cooperative has  
13 received a certificate of convenience and necessity under AS 42.05.221 - 42.05.281  
14 from the former Alaska Public Utilities Commission or the Regulatory Commission of  
15 Alaska for each type of service provided;

16 (7) provide direct satellite television programming services; in this  
17 paragraph, "direct satellite television programming services" means a video broadcast  
18 signal that is received directly from a satellite by an end user;

19 **(8) become a member of other limited liability companies or**  
20 **corporations organized for any lawful purpose, or own stock in them.**