

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT MEETING
SENATE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE
SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
OUZINKIE TRIBAL HALL

September 2, 2009

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

SENATE RESOURCES

Senator Lesil McGuire, Co-Chair
Senator Bill Wielechowski, Co-Chair
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Thomas Wagoner

SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Senator Lesil McGuire, Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Bill Wielechowski

MEMBERS ABSENT

SENATE RESOURCES

Senator Charlie Huggins, Vice Chair
Senator Hollis French
Senator Bert Stedman

SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Senator Albert Kookesh
Senator Bert Stedman

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Joe Thomas

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

State Energy Plan Testimony from Ouzinkie

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

TED PANAMARIEFF

Ouzinkie Native Corporation

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

BARBARA ANDERSON, representing herself

Ouzinkie, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

SHARON ANDERSON

Spruce Island Development Corporation

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

LARRY CHICHENOFF

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

MICHELLE SYDEMAN

Staff to Senator Wielechowski

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

JOHN BARTOLINO, representing himself

Ouzinkie, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

NICKOLAS PESTAIKOFF, representing himself

Ouzinkie, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on Ouzinkie energy issues.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[12:00:06 PM](#)

CO-CHAIR BILL WIELECHOWSKI called the joint meeting of the Senate Resources Standing Committee and the Senate Special Committee on Energy to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

State Energy Plan - Ouzinkie

[Unconventional meeting facilities did not allow for a good recording; so the following is list of people who testified and a brief summary of their remarks. Most comments were about how

people were struggling to meet fuel costs for their homes as well as needing funding to develop energy alternatives for the community.]

SENATOR STEVENS remarked that he was impressed with what the people in Ouzinkie were doing with supplementing the diesel generators with hydro.

12:07:00 PM

CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI said that he would begin taking testimony from people who had signed up to speak.

TED PANAMARIEFF, Ouzinkie Native Corporation, said he appreciated them being here.

12:14:00 PM

BARBARA ANDERSON, representing herself, thanked them for coming to Ouzinkie.

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SHARON ANDERSON, Spruce Island Development Corporation, said people are struggling with energy costs for their homes.

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LARRY CHICHENOFF, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), said Alaska is always last to get the price of oil and gas to drop down when we should be almost self-sufficient.

12:27:00 PM

MICHELLE SYDEMAN, staff to Senator Wielechowski, said some people told her that a priority was getting about \$50,000 go to the AEA to pay for a machine that would collect wind data. The second priority was about \$50,000 to address the integrity of their water system.

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Unidentified person commented on the water system.

12:30:00 PM

MR. LARSON, Project Manager, [indisc.] said they design sanitation facilities in Alaska. He said the water mains are corroding from the outside in and leaking. The system delivers approximately 90,000 gallons/day and a community of this size should only use about 20,000 gallons/day. That water could be turned into the energy to run the hydro. It is drinking water first and electric second.

He said the problem is their funding is limited. To get a project in Kodiak that already has water mains he has to be really tactful.

12:33:00 PM

CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI asked what the price tag is for replacing all the water mains.

MR. LARSON replied that he estimated \$1 million to design and construct. But he could leverage even \$50,000-\$100,000 into a fundable project.

12:34:00 PM

JOHN BARTOLINO, representing himself, said he knows the state has a lot of funding for energy efficiency projects, but that doesn't help the individual with solar panels and things like that.

12:36:00 PM

NICKOLAS PESTAİKOFF, representing himself, thanked them for coming to Ouzinkie. He said they are uniquely situated for hydro and wind generation. He thought the technology could be developed to take advantage of the tidal currents as well.

SENATOR STEVENS remarked that this community has suffered an enormous loss [in reference to military service]. He appreciated their sacrifice for the state of Alaska and the United State and he thanked them for inviting them.

CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI found no further business and adjourned the meeting.