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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the stabilization of
6 electric utility rates in rural
7 Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the continuing increase in demand for crude oil, coupled with
10 the cutback in world supply and proposed deregulation of prices will result
11 in substantial increases in the cost of fuel used for electrical generating
12 purposes and consequently, substantial increases in electric rates; and

13 WHEREAS consumers of electric energy in rural Alaska will be particular-
14 ly affected by these cost increases due to the already high prices rural
15 utilities pay for fuel, the relatively small number of customers they serve,
16 and their remoteness; and

17 WHEREAS the increased cost of fuel will be passed on to the customers of
18 each affected utility; and

19 WHEREAS the amount of increased cost passed on to all customers can be
20 substantially reduced if major consumers of electric power, which in most
21 cases are government agencies, would sign contracts with each utility for a
22 minimum amount of power; and

23 WHEREAS the cost to each major consumer of electric power will be less
24 if it purchases power from a utility than if it invests in its own generating
25 equipment;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
27 the Governor to direct that all state agencies with offices in rural Alaska
28 that consume large amounts of electric power enter into contracts for the
29 purchase of electric power from the local utility company serving the area in

1 which the office is situated.

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