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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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 that all federal agencies with offices in rural Alaska that consume large  
28 amounts of electric power be directed to enter into contracts for the pur-  
29 chase of electric power from the local utility company serving the area in

1 which the office is situated.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,  
3 President of the United States; Mr. Joel W. Solomon, Administrator, General  
4 Services Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
5 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-  
6 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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