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1 IN THE SENATE

BY FERGUSON BY REQUEST

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to electrical utility service

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and safety.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS the operation of electric utilities is a matter of several  
9 electrical utilities, including the Alaska Village Electrical Association  
10 and Naknek Electric, operating in the Alaska bush have provided inadequate  
11 service; and

12 WHEREAS these electrical utilities have overloaded lines resulting in  
13 inadequate and irregular voltages; and

14 WHEREAS these electrical utilities have inadequately maintained gen-  
15 eration facilities, resulting in fire hazards and unnecessary outages; and

16 WHEREAS several electrical utilities operating in the Alaska bush have  
17 maintained their facilities in such a way as to cause safety hazards for  
18 the public; and

19 WHEREAS these electric utilities have in recent years left open trans-  
20 formers in school yards and other public places, thus subjecting the public  
21 to dangerously high voltages, including 7,200 volts; and

22 WHEREAS these electrical utilities have allowed exposed live cables in  
23 the vicinity of streets and rights of way, thus subjecting pedestrian and  
24 vehicle traffic to unnecessary risks; and

25 WHEREAS these electrical utilities have failed to maintain security  
26 for their generation plans, thus allowing the public, including children,  
27 access to dangerous equipment; and

28 WHEREAS these electrical utilities have inadequately maintained their  
29 generators and other plants, thus resulting in fire hazards and fires; and

1       **WHEREAS** the Fourth Annual North and Northwest Alaska Mayors' Confer-  
2       **ence** issued a resolution requesting one Alaska bush electric utility to  
3       **provide** better service in north and northwest Alaska; and

4       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction to  
5       **require** electric utilities to provide safe and adequate service;

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate requests the Alaska Public Utilities  
7       **Commission** to investigate, adopt regulations, and take other necessary  
8       **action** to ensure that all Alaska electrical utilities with more than 200  
9       **customers**       **provide**       **safe**       **and**       **adequate**       **service.**