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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 483 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Railbelt energy account in
7 the power development revolving loan fund and relat-
8 ing to repayment of loans from the power development
9 revolving loan fund; and providing for an effective
10 date."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

12 * Section 1. AS 44.33.600 is amended by adding a new subsection to
13 read:

14 (c) There is established in the fund the Railbelt energy account
15 for the purpose of funding loans for projects to meet Railbelt energy
16 needs, including demand side energy conservation projects and energy
17 use studies. The account consists of appropriations to the account,
18 repayments of principal to the account, and subject to AS 37.07,
19 income from investment of money in the account and from loans made
20 from the account. The department may not make a loan from the account
21 unless the loan has been authorized by the legislature. Loans made
22 from the account must bear an interest rate of six percent.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 44.33.610(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) The department may make a loan from the power development
25 revolving loan fund to the Alaska Power Authority for the purpose of
26 financing a power project acquired or constructed by the authority
27 under the energy program for Alaska (AS 44.83.380 - 44.83.425). The
28 department may make a loan from the Railbelt energy account in the
29 fund for the additional purpose of financing demand side energy

1 conservation projects and energy use studies. Repayment of loans [A
2 LOAN] from the fund shall [MUST] be made from [WITH] the proceeds of
3 projects financed by the loans [FROM THE SALE OF POWER FROM PROJECTS
4 IN THE ENERGY PROGRAM FOR ALASKA]. Except as provided in AS 44.83.-
5 398(i), the payments required to be made by the authority on a loan
6 from the fund constitute debt service for the purpose of calculating
7 the wholesale power rate in AS 44.83.398(b)(1).

8 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).