

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 226 (L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/22/91
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KUBINA, Moyer

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act creating the electrical service extension grant program."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 ARTICLE 7A. ELECTRICAL SERVICE EXTENSION GRANT PROGRAM.

5 Sec. 44.33.601. ELECTRICAL SERVICE EXTENSION FUND ESTABLISHED. (a)

6 The electrical service extension fund is established as a separate fund in the department. The
7 fund consists only of money appropriated to it by the legislature.

8 (b) The department may make grants from the fund to certificated electric utilities and
9 to electric utilities exempt from certification under AS 42.05.711 to pay for costs of site
10 preparation and construction for the extension of electrical service to private residences and small
11 businesses not currently served by an electric utility. The amount of a grant may not exceed 50
12 percent of the total cost of construction for the extension of electrical service. The costs
13 considered in making a grant may not include costs of planning, feasibility studies, or design.

14 (c) An electric utility that has received a grant under this section may charge a

1 connection fee for initial connection to the electrical service made available because of the
2 construction. The connection fee for each residential or commercial structure shall conform to
3 the line extension policy of the utility.

4 (d) The department shall adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act
5 (AS 44.62) to implement this section.

6 (e) In this section,

7 (1) "certificated" means holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity
8 issued by the Alaska Public Utilities Commission under AS 42.05;

9 (2) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
10 Development.