CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 226 (FINANCE)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/10/91
Referred: Rules

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 44.83 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 ARTICLE 8A. ELECTRICAL SERVICE EXTENSION GRANT PROGRAM.

5 Sec. 44.83.370. ELECTRICAL SERVICE EXTENSION FUND ESTABLISHED. (a)
6 The electrical service extension fund is established as a separate fund in the authority. The fund
7 consists only of money appropriated to it by the legislature.

8 (b) The authority may make grants from the electrical service extension fund to
9 certificated electric utilities and to electric utilities exempt from certification under AS 42.05.711
10 to pay for costs of site preparation and construction for the extension of electrical service to
11 private residences and small businesses not currently served by an electric utility. The amount
12 of a grant may not exceed 60 percent of the total cost of construction for the extension of
13 electrical service. The costs considered in making a grant may not include costs of planning,
14 feasibility studies, or design.

1 (c) An electric utility that has received a grant under this section may charge a
2 connection fee for initial connection to the electrical service made available because of the
3 construction. The connection fee for each residential or commercial structure shall conform to
4 the line extension policy of the utility.
5 (d) The authority shall adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act
6 (AS 44.62) to implement this section.
7 (e) In this section, "certificated" means holding a certificate of public convenience and
8 necessity issued by the Alaska Public Utilities Commission under AS 42.05.