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1 natural gas interruptions in 1981-82. The Commission also finds
2 reasonable the request by CEA to clarify the need for flexibility
3 intended in the schedule of interruption. Recognizing that the
4 predetermined sequence of interruption is not precisely mandated
5 in the schedule, it is the intent of the Commission that the
6 schedule incorporate sufficient flexibility to allow AGAS and each
7 interrupted party the option to select the most cost efficient
8 alternative available at the time that each interruption occurs.
9 Therefore, the Commission adopts for use by the parties to this
10 proceeding the schedule of interruptions submitted by AGAS. A
11 copy of the schedule is attached to this Order as Appendix A.

12 Royalty Gas Purchases: Obligation to Serve

13 One of three issues outlined in Order No. 1 of this
14 Docket questioned whether AGAS should be required to purchase
15 royalty gas at any price because of the peak supply shortage this
16 winter. While this single subject dominated much of the testimony
17 at the hearing and in the briefs, the issue of mandated royalty
18 gas purchases by AGAS appears moot as of the date of issuance of
19 this Order because of more recent developments.

20 In a letter dated December 30, 1981, AGAS informed the
21 Commission and other parties to this proceeding that it is now
22 purchasing royalty gas for peaking purposes:

23 Concurrently, the management of AGAS made a decision to
24 minimize the take of royalty gas and the financial
25 impact thereof by taking the royalty only when required
26 to meet system demands in excess of other supplies. Of
27 import in this decision was the failure of Phillips to
28 move to force AGAS to take all the royalty (see page 4
29 of their letter dated July 17, 1981). We believe the
30 State will resist efforts to force AGAS to take all the
31 gas since the State believes it can charge a higher
32 wellhead price to Phillips. We further believe (but
cannot be certain) that Phillips will not force such
demand since it could result in cancellation of our
royalty contract and then Phillips would be obligated to
take all the royalty gas. (Hickman letter, dated Decem-
ber 30, 1981, pp. 2-3.)

31 Although this change in events obviates the immediate need for any
32 action on the part of the Commission, the Commission finds that in

1 view of the tenuous nature of the above-described understanding,
2 any shift in position by Phillips Petroleum, the State of Alaska,
3 or AGAS could bring the problem full circle before the Commission.
4 Furthermore, the broader question of a utility's obligation to
5 serve its customers is of such sufficient concern to the public
6 interest that the Commission believes the subject should be re-
7 viewed in this Order. For these reasons, the question of the
8 obligation to serve as it relates to the purchase of royalty gas
9 shall be discussed infra.

10 In his pre-filed testimony, AGAS's President, Dale Teel,
11 forcefully urged that it would not be in the public interest for
12 the Commission to require the purchase of royalty gas at any price
13 for the following reasons:

- 14 1. The price exacted by the State will impact all
15 future gas contract negotiations with producers.
- 16 2. The pricing policy presently imposed by the State
17 goes far beyond the Section 105 (of the Natural Gas
18 Policy Act) regulated prices they are asking for
19 the royalty today (approximately \$2.90/MCF).
- 20 3. The price requested by the State is in excess of
21 fair market value, at wellhead, of gas in the Cook
22 Inlet Area. (Direct (Pre-filed) Testimony of Teel,
23 undated, pp. 2-3.)

24 In response to questioning by the Commission, Teel
25 explained that AGAS had originally purchased royalty gas under the
26 assumption that it would be the lowest priced gas available. Yet
27 as the cost of royalty gas escalated each year by virtue of the
28 State contractual agreement, AGAS decided that royalty gas should
29 be used more for peak demand purposes. AGAS also stated that
30 royalty gas, priced higher than other sources, should be purchased
31 to provide comfortable safety and reliability margins during
32 periods of heavy gas use and to extend the life of the lower-
33 priced Kenai gas reserves and not, in the main, to prevent inter-
34 ruption of the power customers. However, AGAS suggested that
35 since the interruptible or "non-firm" customers have benefitted
36 more from royalty gas purchases than other customers, the

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1 interruptible customers should bear the costs of interruption.
2 Other reasons for this position were based on what AGAS termed as
3 regulatory principles, legal considerations, and the equitable
4 treatment of all its customers.

5 The final AGAS argument against mandatory royalty gas
6 purchases was the contractual requirement in existence at the time
7 of the November hearing which apparently obligated AGAS to pur-
8 chase royalty gas year-round and not just for peaking purposes.
9 Bill Hickman of AGAS estimated the annual cost of year-round
10 royalty gas purchases to be \$6 million, yet the cost of relying
11 upon the fuel switching capabilities of the interruptible power
12 customers (based upon an assumed 1981-82 winter interruption
13 scenario) was projected at \$465,000. In sum, it was the position
14 of AGAS that an order by this Commission forcing the year-round
15 purchase of royalty gas would result in unnecessary and greater
16 cumulative expenses to all of its customers when contrasted with
17 the option of curtailing its "non-firm" customers who had recourse
18 to alternate fuels.

19 In its Brief of Issues, ML&P requested that Order No. 1
20 be modified to delete from page 2, lines 5-6, of Order No. 1 the
21 phrase, "to meet its interruptible customers' cold weather
22 demands." ML&P pointed out that royalty gas purchases are physi-
23 cally commingled with all other AGAS purchases and should not be
24 designated as a product or service destined only for interruptible
25 customers. Contrary to the AGAS position, ML&P argued that roy-
26 alty gas is used "...to a much greater extent to meet the peaking
27 demands of the nonpower customers." ML&P expanded this position
28 in a letter to the Commission as follows:

29 The prime beneficiary of curtailment are [sic] the
30 customers that are not curtailed. The curtailment
31 problem is exacerbated by the extremely high demand of
32 customers using gas for space heating during cold
weather. Their paying for the curtailment costs through
the gas cost flow through mechanism would be a form of

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1 peak load pricing which would tend to properly represent
2 the true cost of providing the firm service they
3 require. (Stahr letter to APUC, dated October 15, 1981,
4 p. 2.)

5 ML&P further opined that the decision to refuse acqui-
6 sition of adequate deliverability or capacity to meet reasonably
7 anticipated requirements should not be left to corporate decision
8 makers because the public interest would clearly be im pacted by
9 such a decision. ML&P admitted that while royalty gas could be
10 priced so high that using alternative fuels would be the best
11 option, "... price issues do not abrogate the duty to obtain
12 adequate supplies." (ML&P Brief, p. 4.) It was ML&P's contention
13 that any refusal to take royalty gas could be an irrevocable
14 decision, since the State might then commit the royalty gas to
15 other purposes and, as a consequence, the real cost of alternative
16 energy supplies might over time be much higher. ML&P averred that
17 AGAS should be required to take the royalty gas at the \$2.90 rate
18 offered by the State with the costs rolled in through the flow
19 through mechanism. Finally, ML&P emphasized that the AGAS rate
20 structure must be redesigned subsequent to a cost-of-service study
21 to properly address the entire interruptible rate class problem.

22 In its comments, the Military stated that AGAS should
23 not be required to take royalty gas at any price solely to satisfy
24 the seasonal needs of the interruptible customers and urged Com-
25 mission support for AGAS's attempt to secure State royalty gas as
26 a seasonal supplement. According to the Military, costs incurred
27 by the interruptible customers in converting to alternate fuels
28 during curtailment should be passed on as if the alternate fuels
29 had been purchased from potential suppliers of natural gas.

30 In addressing the generic issue of the obligation to
31 serve, this Commission finds that the fundamental duty of a public
32 utility to serve the public exists independent of any statute
33 regulating the manner in which a utility conducts its business.

1 The obligation is imposed upon a company because it is organized
2 to transact business affected with the public interest and because
3 the company has held itself out to the public as being fit, will-
4 ing and able to serve all its customers. It should be evident,
5 therefore, that under common law, and by statute in this State,
6 AGAS is obligated to provide adequate, efficient and safe service
7 to the customers in its service area. (Southwest Gas Corp. v.
8 Nevada P.S.C., 474 P.2d 379 (1970) and AS 42.05.291(a).)

9 The Commission also finds, however, that the obligation
10 to provide adequate service has meaning only in reference to the
11 demands of the public, the cost of the service, and the financial
12 condition of the company offering the service. (Re General Tele-
13 phone Co. of Ca., 80 PUR 3d 2 (Ca. P.U.C., 1969).) Based on the
14 record in the proceeding and the testimony and evidence of the
15 parties, the Commission finds that as of the date of the hearing,
16 the price of royalty gas offered to AGAS was too high and the
17 terms under which the gas was to be taken were not economical when
18 compared with the short-term alternative energy sources available.
19 Thus, in this instance, AGAS should not have been required to
20 purchase year-round royalty gas when the conversion to alternative
21 fuel supplies would result in a net economic gain to the Anchorage
22 community. Furthermore, it is consistent with the testimony and
23 evidence on the record that the costs of any royalty gas purchases
24 which are actually made by AGAS should be flowed through to all
25 AGAS customers on an even cents-per-Mcf basis as provided by
26 tariff.

27 In so finding, the Commission agrees that AGAS does
28 indeed, as propounded by ML&P, have "... a contractual and public
29 utility responsibility to acquire gas supplies adequate to serve
30 the needs of all its customers." (Stahr letter to APUC, dated
31 October 15, 1981, p. 1.) While this obligation is not absolute if
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1 the supply cannot reasonably be obtained, the Commission further
2 orders that AGAS should aggressively continue its efforts to
3 resolve remaining disputes regarding the purchase of royalty gas,
4 diligently seek other long-term sources of supply, and develop a
5 plan encouraging voluntary conservation apposite to periods of
6 peak demand.

7 In rendering this decision, the Commission emphasizes
8 that its judgment is based solely upon the facts and circumstances
9 surrounding the 1981-82 winter season. Moreover, the Commission
10 intends to fully investigate AGAS's efforts to obtain sufficient
11 long-term commitments of natural gas in the upcoming AGAS perman-
12 ent rate case (Docket U-81-101), which will be scheduled for
13 public hearing later this year.

14 Tariffed Rates for Interruptibility:
15 Allocation of Interruption Costs

16 A central issue in the testimony of AGAS emphasized
17 that, while royalty gas purchases would alleviate a portion of the
18 peak demand problem, interruptions should still be anticipated by
19 the large power customers. According to Hickman, royalty gas
20 purchases could account for only one-third to one-half of the
21 projected 1981-82 natural gas shortage during periods of peak
22 winter demand. With no evidence presented which contradicted
23 AGAS's figures in this instance, the Commission finds the issue of
24 interruptibility and the calculation of associated costs
25 (irrespective of royalty gas purchases) to be of primary impor-
26 tance in determining the allocation of costs to the parties.

27 AGAS averred that its present tariff and rate design had
28 been addressed in testimony presented by many different experts
29 during its last permanent rate case, and all had recognized that
30 interruptible customers would bear the costs of interruption.
31 Moreover, in authorizing the present rate structure, AGAS

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1 contended that the Commission had recognized the risks of inter-
2 ruption. According to AGAS, "In subsequent years, each interrup-
3 ted customer paid his costs of interruption without question or
4 complaint." (Direct (Pre-filed) Testimony of Teel, undated, p.
5 5.)

6 AGAS asserted that now, however, these customers are
7 requesting the Commission to require the firm customers to share
8 the costs of interruption--without benefit of a cost-of-service
9 study. AGAS declared that this proceeding is not the forum in
10 which to consider rate redesign or the reallocation of the costs
11 of interruption, but, rather, such issues should be examined in a
12 future AGAS rate design proceeding. AGAS also maintained that
13 construction projects completed since its last rate case had
14 further benefitted interruptible customers more than firm custom-
15 ers.

16 When questioned as to the number and cause of prior
17 interruptions, AGAS disclosed that the winter of 1980 was the
18 first year AGAS interrupted service because of insufficient gas
19 supply. Although AGAS interrupted service on occasions prior to
20 1980, these interruptions were a result of mechanical breakdowns.

21 In summary, AGAS distinguished between what it con-
22 sidered firm customers and its interruptible customers. AGAS
23 purported that it must provide natural gas supplies sufficient to
24 meet the demands of firm customers only. Interruptible customers
25 are subject to curtailment and have enjoyed reduced rates to
26 compensate for this. Accordingly, AGAS proposed that any addi-
27 tional costs incurred during an interruption should be the sole
28 responsibility of the interrupted parties. AGAS did, however,
29 believe that a cost-sharing arrangement among interruptible cus-
30 tomers was necessary because the schedule of interruptions pro-
31 vided for in the Stipulation could not logically distribute the
32 hours of interruption evenly.

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1 The position of ML&P regarding the purpose of the AGAS
2 interruptible tariff rate diverged markedly from AGAS's perception
3 of the tariff's history. According to ML&P, the "... differential
4 between final rates and the results of the cost-of-service study
5 is so minor that the entire difference since the date of the order
6 [U-75-95(16)] was just about eliminated by the short natural gas
7 curtailment experienced by ML&P during last winter's peak season."
8 (Kempel letter to APUC, dated October 21, 1981, p. 3.) Thus,
9 ML&P reasoned that it should be treated, in effect, as a "quasi-
10 firm" customer.

11 In addition, ML&P countered that firm customers have
12 received advantageous rates over "non-firm" customers because of
13 the inclusion of interruptible customers in AGAS's load factor.
14 ML&P thus recommended that AGAS in essence "purchase" alternative
15 fuel by reimbursing the interruptible customers for all costs in
16 excess of the price of natural gas. These costs would be flowed
17 through by AGAS to all customers via the purchased gas adjustment.
18 CEA concurred with this recommendation. Finally, the Military
19 also indicated that there was merit to the ML&P proposal, which
20 would require AGAS to flow through all interruption costs to its
21 customers. The Military acknowledged that such a proposal might
22 be less costly to themselves than perhaps their own proposal.

23 The major point of difference between AGAS's and ML&P's
24 view of the situation appeared to originate from different con-
25 cepts of AGAS's responsibility to provide service to the interrup-
26 tible customers. AGAS suggested that these customers can be
27 curtailed at the discretion of AGAS, and concomitantly, any costs
28 the interruptible customers incur while curtailed should be borne
29 by them. Conversely, ML&P countered that AGAS, arguably, has an
30 absolute responsibility to provide sufficient natural gas to serve
31 all its customers. Therefore, if AGAS did not provide the
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1 service, ML&P reasoned that AGAS should bear the incremental costs
2 that customers incur by utilizing alternate fuel sources.

3 The traditional resolution to this dispute would involve
4 a review of AGAS's tariff. All customers are currently served
5 under Tariff Sheet No. 30, Rates for Power Plant Service, which
6 states in part: "The power plants named above are subject to
7 varying interruptions of service by terms of the respective con-
8 tracts or letter agreements." Thus, it is clear that AGAS's
9 tariff allows interruption of these customers but is not explicit
10 with regard to whether the tariff rates were designed to reflect
11 the impact of interruptibility. Moreover, it appears that such
12 interruptions were not intended to be extensive; the discussion
13 surrounding the Commission's approval of AGAS's rate design in the
14 previous rate case clearly indicates that some consideration was
15 given to interruptibility when rates were set.

16 Although AGAS is correct in its contention that inter-
17 ruptibility was a determination in the establishment of final
18 rates in Docket U-75-95, the record is equally clear that the
19 scope and likelihood of interruptions (and associated costs)
20 contemplated during AGAS's last rate case were not of the magni-
21 tude now suggested by AGAS in 1981:²

22 Perhaps the more important determination relative
23 to designing rates is an assessment of the likely degree
24 rather than the certainty of interruption. The evidence
25 in this proceeding indicates that while capacity inter-
26 ruptions are anticipated, they will be limited in number
27 and duration. First, the power contracts under discus-
28 sion appear to reflect the perceived outside limits on
29 interruptions, ten hours a month or five days a year.
30 Second, questions can certainly be raised about the
31 preparedness of the power plants for interruptions up to
32 contract limits not to mention beyond. Third, many of
the terms and conditions governing interruptions are

2 AGAS's current assessment of the problem was described by
Teel in his letter of September 15, 1981: "Specifically, we
expect that there will be relatively frequent and extended periods
this winter [1981-1982] when the total demand on us for natural
gas will exceed the supply available...."

1 unclear or unknown. Thus, it would appear that the load
2 duration curve of the utility mandates some flexibility
3 to interrupt but that this sanction will be invoked
4 infrequently at best. The utility has stated that the
5 power plants as a large and steady source of revenues
6 are the basic flywheel of the utility's operations.
7 (Tr. XIX-1244.) The impression that is conveyed is that
8 AGAS will make every reasonable effort to serve the
9 power plants on as continuous a basis as possible.
10 Capacity will be increased to meet demand but there will
11 be intermittent periods where interruptions will proba-
12 bly be necessary. At those points where system demand
13 exceeds system capacity, interruptions could be antici-
14 pated.

15 The question then turns to what consideration is
16 appropriate in rates for transitional periods of inter-
17 ruption....No analysis of cost and cost-benefit trade-
18 offs were prepared or presented by the parties to quan-
19 tify the amount. As a result, the Commission has no
20 basis for a precise determination and is left to con-
21 sider interruptibility as an additional subjective
22 factor in the rate design. (U-75-95(16), pp. 57-58.)

23 In rendering its decision regarding the appropriate
24 allocation of interruption costs, the Commission believes that the
25 rate design effected in Docket U-75-95 was based upon circum-
26 stances which have since changed radically.³ Consequently, the
27 Commission finds that it would be unfair to the interruptible
28 customers to bear the full burden of extensive curtailments when
29 such were not contemplated in the ratemaking or in the contracts
30 themselves. Therefore, it appears that the question now revolves
31 around the frequency or duration of curtailments to which AGAS may
32 submit interruptible customers without violation of its tariff.

33 To determine the factual context of this issue, it is
34 necessary to refer to the contracts referenced in the final order

35 ³ Perhaps the most significant change in circumstance is the
36 fact that AGAS in 1975 was confronted with a capacity shortage,
37 whereas in 1982 the testimony on the record is that the shortage
38 is one caused by an inadequate supply of natural gas. The Commis-
39 sion recognizes and acknowledges the difference between a capacity
40 and supply shortage but absent a cost-of-service study and a
41 complete record on both the capacity and supply issues, the Com-
42 mission will treat the terms synonymously for the sole purpose of
43 arriving at an interim short-term solution in this proceeding.
44 The Commission will, however, examine AGAS's system capacity and
45 natural gas supply contracts in Docket U-81-101.

1 of Docket U-75-95(16). The contracts in existence with ML&P and
2 CEA at that time specifically referred to interruption periods not
3 in excess of 10 cumulative hours per month, but provided that AGAS
4 might accumulate and implement such periods not to exceed 120
5 hours during any 12 consecutive months. It is the Commission's
6 opinion that these limits represented the best information avail-
7 able as to the degree of interruption intended by AGAS's tariff
8 and the degree to which rates were subjectively adjusted in the
9 previous rate proceeding.⁴

10 Regrettably, the Commission finds itself required to
11 allocate costs at this time without benefit of a cost-of-service
12 study or a thorough analysis of the future supply of natural gas
13 in the Anchorage bowl area. This information would provide the
14 most technically accurate basis for a decision. Absent such data,
15 the decision of this Commission will, of necessity, be a less than
16 perfect solution. However, the Commission does believe that a
17 judgment, based on AGAS's tariff and the testimony and evidence
18 submitted during AGAS's last rate case, provides a reasonable
19 starting point for a temporary and short-term resolution to the
20 allocation of interruption costs until such time as AGAS's new
21 rate redesign is approved.

22 Cognizant of the above but in the absence of recent
23 data, the Commission believes that the most reasonable foundation
24 for the allocation of interruption costs is to begin where the
25 last rate design left off, i.e., to allow AGAS only the outside
26 limit of interruption hours provided for in the then existing
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29 ⁴The Commission recognizes that each of the contracts in
30 existence during the last AGAS rate proceeding contained inter-
31 ruption clauses which varied somewhat on issues such as oil cost
32 reimbursement, base price of natural gas, accumulating periods of
interruption, etc. However, the fundamental concept which allowed
AGAS to interrupt up to 10 hours per month appeared consistently
in each of the contracts.

1 contracts. More specifically, the Commission finds that all costs
2 of alternate fuel usage up to those contract limits should be
3 borne by the interruptible customers. The Commission further
4 believes that since interruptions in excess of these limits were
5 not foreseen or agreed to by the interruptible customers, any
6 costs in excess of the cost of natural gas which these customers
7 incur due to curtailment of natural gas supply beyond the maximum
8 limits should be reimbursed by all AGAS customers. Since these
9 costs represent an operating expense to AGAS, the Commission must
10 assume that AGAS considers this the least-cost alternative to the
11 purchase of additional gas supplies. Therefore, such expenses are
12 of benefit to all customers and should be paid by all, including
13 interruptible customers.

14 Computation of Costs of Interruption

15 In determining the methodology for computing interrup-
16 tion costs, the Commission reviewed all of the plans submitted by
17 the parties. The AGAS plan recommended that the cost of alternate
18 fuels used during curtailment be borne by only the interruptible
19 customers and their subscribers. The ML&P plan called for the
20 curtailment costs to be flowed through to all AGAS customers via
21 its gas flowthrough clause.⁵ ML&P also affirmed its previous
22 statement that curtailment costs should only consider actual
23 extraordinary expenses associated with the interruption and not
24 include costs which would be incurred in any case. According to
25 ML&P's Brief of Issues, p. 5, "normal and accepted cost accounting
26 and regulatory treatment should be used" in computing the costs of
27 royalty gas and curtailment, which then should be passed on to all
28 gas customers on a flat Mcf basis. Pending a cost-of-service
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31 ⁵The Commission notes that AGAS's tariff in its present form
32 does not permit costs, other than those associated with an in-
crease in the price of natural gas, to be flowed through to its
customers.

1 study and restructuring of AGAS's rates, ML&P believed that the
2 curtailment compensation plan it previously submitted should
3 suffice to prevent any gross inequities arising from interruption
4 of service.

5 In addressing its version of the allocation plan, the
6 Military's greatest concern was that Military power plant custom-
7 ers should be fully compensated for all expenses, in excess of
8 their fair share, incurred as a result of conversion of their
9 power plants to oil or coal during curtailment periods. The
10 Military proposed an alternative cost formula for consideration at
11 the hearing. It was the Military's contention that since the
12 anticipated increase in curtailment was due to AGAS's decision not
13 to purchase royalty gas, costs associated with the curtailment
14 should be considered equivalent gas costs. To the extent that
15 Military power plants yield their share of gas during curtailment,
16 AGAS should credit Military accounts accordingly. Also, the other
17 power plant customers should be billed at a rate reflective of
18 the costs of the Military's use of alternate fuel, thereby freeing
19 up its share of the natural gas supply.

20 Finally, as an alternative approach, the Military con-
21 curred with ML&P's rationale that curtailment costs should be
22 flowed through to all AGAS customers. The Military also requested
23 that the AGAS formula be modified to reflect replacement costs of
24 alternate fuels as opposed to book value or historical costs and
25 took exception to the ML&P proposal which called for reimbursement
26 of expenses incurred only during curtailment. The Military re-
27 quested that expenses associated with fire prevention and main-
28 taining coal standby equipment also be reimbursed.

29 CEA supported ML&P's proposed cost-sharing arrangement
30 but "strongly" urged that replacement costs be used in calculating
31 alternate fuel costs.
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1 The Commission notes that all parties agree that a
2 certain order of interruption is appropriate in order to minimize
3 the inconvenience and cost of the use of alternate fuel sources to
4 the community as a whole. Furthermore, all parties basically
5 agree that some method for cost sharing is necessary to compensate
6 those most frequently interrupted. While some parties believe
7 that all costs should be borne by AGAS, their proposals would
8 result in a cost flowthrough to all customers, including inter-
9 ruptible, proportional to usage. Therefore, the Commission
10 assumes that there is no objection to the principle of sharing the
11 costs that the Commission has determined must be borne by the
12 interruptible customers, i.e., those costs incurred up to the
13 limit of 10 hours per month or 120 hours per year. It is apparent
14 that such sharing makes the established order of interruption
15 reasonable because it compensates the party that is always the
16 first to be interrupted. Without such compensation, repeated
17 curtailment of a single customer could constitute undue discrimi-
18 nation.

19 Because costs are to be pooled and allocated on a pro-
20 portional basis to the interruptible customers, the Commission
21 believes it is also appropriate that periods of interruption
22 during which customers must bear their own cost should also be
23 pooled. Thus, AGAS would begin to bear costs of interruption only
24 when interruptions were so extensive as to match the equivalent of
25 10 hours per month for all customers, accumulating if unused over
26 a 12-month period, to a maximum of 120 hours for all customers.

27 It is unlikely, however, that interruptions will occur
28 to all customers at once. Furthermore, AGAS could conceivably
29 decide that it is unnecessary to fully interrupt a particular
30 customer. In such instances, the duration of interruption should
31 be prorated based on the degree of interruption. Therefore,
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1 interruptions should be translated into equivalent hours of inter-
2 ruption, i.e., the proportion of curtailed fuel in BTU's to the
3 total that could at a maximum be curtailed, multiplied by the
4 period of curtailment.

5 In order to accomplish this allocation of costs between
6 AGAS and its interruptible customers, the Commission believes that
7 all customers should maintain reports for each curtailment period,
8 detailing the following information:

- 9 1. Time and duration of each interruption in gas
10 service;
- 11 2. Total BTU's utilized from gas and from alternate
12 fuel sources during the time in which any single
13 customer is interrupted; and
- 14 3. Additional costs incurred for each interruption.

15 At the end of each interruption period, the actual BTU's
16 of alternate fuel used, divided by total BTU's for all customers
17 from all interruptible sources, represents the degree of curtail-
18 ment experienced. This ratio, multiplied by the length of inter-
19 ruption, gives equivalent hours of interruption. These equivalent
20 hours should then be totalled to determine the point at which
21 AGAS's customers become liable for the costs incurred during
22 curtailment, i.e., when equivalent hours exceed the total of 120
23 hours less the equivalent hours of interruption in the last 12
24 months. The Commission believes that this method allows pooling
25 of interruption periods while remaining within the limits intended
26 by the contracts.

27 Two examples of the computation of equivalent hours are
28 given in Exhibit 1. (The usages and costs given are purely hypo-
29 theoretical and are not intended to represent an actual situation.)
30 If it were assumed that in each case AGAS became liable for a
31 portion of costs after 40 equivalent hours of interruption, as in
32 Example A, AGAS would not share in the costs of interruption.
However, in Example B, equivalent hours are in excess of 40.

1 Therefore, AGAS would be liable for 3.2 hours of costs, or
2 $3.2/43.2 \times \$930,000 = \$68,889$.

3 The information used to determine equivalent hours
4 should also be used to develop a repayment matrix to determine
5 which parties' costs are reimbursed, by whom, and by how much. It
6 is the Commission's opinion that each customer should assume costs
7 in the same proportion that its consumption (in BTU's) of fuel
8 during the interruption bears to the combined consumption of all
9 interruptible customers. Thus, in Example A illustrated above,
10 ML&P should bear 20/68ths of total costs of \$205,000, or \$60,294.
11 ML&P would pay the Military $20/68 \times \$180,000$, and would repay CEA
12 for $20/68 \times \$25,000$. (Note: For this illustration, payments to
13 Elmendorf and Fort Richardson are combined.) This same logic
14 would be applied for each customer, and an example of the repay-
15 ment matrix is shown at Exhibit 2.

16 The identical logic applies for Example B, except that
17 an additional factor must be included because AGAS also bears a
18 portion of costs. To use ML&P again as an example, ML&P has used
19 70/250ths of total consumption. However, of the total cost of
20 \$930,000, AGAS has assumed 3.2/43.2, so the interruptible custom-
21 ers must assume only $40/43.2 \times \$930,000$. Thus, ML&P must assume
22 $70/250 \times 40/43.2 \times \$930,000$, or \$241,111. A complete repayment
23 matrix is also shown in Exhibit 3.

24 As to the question of precisely which additional incre-
25 mental costs of alternative fuel usage should be included in this
26 computation, the Commission finds that such costs should include
27 all startup or shutdown expenses, including labor. Fuel costs
28 should be factored on a BTU basis, and replacement fuel cost may
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1 be utilized.⁶ The Commission notes, however, that if the replace-
2 ment cost of fuel is utilized for cost recovery, it must also be
3 utilized in the accounting records of the utility.

4 The Commission further finds that no party should be
5 permitted to recover more than actual costs. (For this reason,
6 the Military's artful proposal to "split the difference" between
7 the cost of coal and oil was determined inappropriate at best.)

8 While the parties may discover "additional costs" as
9 interruptions occur, there was insufficient information provided
10 on the record which would allow the Commission to precisely iden-
11 tify each projected expense. For this reason, the parties to this
12 proceeding should individually determine their incremental costs,
13 subject to audit by one another. Should insoluble differences
14 arise, the Commission will review the dispute and render a deci-
15 sion.

16 Recovery of Interruption Expenses

17 The Commission anticipates that any interruptions which
18 occur this winter will result in increased costs to ML&P, CEA, and
19 the Military, and possibly to AGAS, which were not contemplated
20 when permanent rates were established. While some of the utili-
21 ties have a cost flowthrough mechanism in their tariffs, none of
22 the tariffs provide for the flowthrough of interruption costs and,
23 therefore, cannot in their present form be used to recover such
24 costs from customers. For this reason, the Commission finds it
25 reasonable and equitable that each utility's proportionate share
26 of the costs of interruption be flowed through by revised tariff
27 provisions.
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30 ⁶The Commission disagrees with the AGAS proposal to allow
31 only the "actual historical weighted average cost f.o.b." of a
32 plant tankage of oil or a power plant of coal because historical
costs are not fully reflective of the true curtailment costs of
the interruptible customers.

1 While the Commission believes that a tariff flowthrough
2 provision for interruption costs is the most appropriate account-
3 ing treatment, the Commission will reserve judgment on any
4 different proposal by the parties to effect recovery of these
5 costs from consumers. However, any request by a regulated utility
6 for modification of base rates, amortization, or flowthrough
7 tariff provisions must be filed, noticed to the public and exam-
8 ined by Staff and Commissioners before the Commission will rule.

9 THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

10 1. For the reasons more fully articulated in the body
11 of this Order, it would be in the public interest for AGAS to
12 follow the schedule of interruptions, attached hereto as Appendix
13 A, which has been approved by the Commission as an interim,
14 short-term plan for addressing natural gas interruptions during
15 the 1981-82 heating season.

16 2. Given the factual circumstances existing at the
17 inception of this proceeding regarding the royalty gas contractual
18 dispute between AGAS and the State of Alaska, AGAS should not be
19 required to purchase royalty gas at any price.

20 3. Any royalty gas eventually purchased under the
21 disputed contract should be flowed through to all AGAS customers
22 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the AGAS tariff.

23 4. AGAS should vigorously pursue resolution of the
24 royalty gas dispute, seek other long-term sources of gas supply,
25 and develop conservation plans for use during peak demand periods.
26 These issues will be considered in greater detail in the AGAS rate
27 relief proceeding currently before the Commission in Docket
28 U-81-101.

29 5. Given the lack of a cost-of-service study or analy-
30 sis of the gas supply situation in the Anchorage Bowl, the param-
31 eters of the existing AGAS tariff, together with the historical
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1 addressed in detail in Docket U-81-101, the request for interim
2 and permanent rate relief and rate redesign filed by Alaska Gas &
3 Service Company.

4 DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 11th day of
5 February, 1982.

6 BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION
7 (Commissioners Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman,
8 and Susan M. Knowles, not participating.)
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SCHEDULE FOR PLANNED INTERRUPTIONS
DOCKET U-81-82

As demand on AGAS system approaches the supply AGAS can deliver, the parties agree to implement "economic dispatch" of the various gas-burning units to minimize their cumulative demand for gas to the limit of good operating practice. Thereafter, when additional reduction of gas demand is necessary, Elmendorf power plant normally will be interrupted first and if prolonged interruption appears to be imminent, Fort Richardson power plant would be interrupted next, with gas being restored to Elmendorf if practical. Thereafter, if more interruption is needed after Fort Richardson is on coal, then Elmendorf and Chugach Bernice (or International) would be next, probably in similar degree. After Elmendorf and Bernice (or International) are on oil, the next would be ML&P Plant 1 and Chugach International, again probably in similar degree.

When more interruptions still are needed, then ML&P Plant 2 would be interrupted. Chugach Knik Arm plant would be the last power plant to be interrupted, because its coal-firing capability is questionable.

Restorations of gas would be made in the reverse order given above.

Generally speaking, Fort Richardson would be interrupted to the greatest extent (but not most frequently) because its standby (coal) is the lowest cost and best supply. Bernice would be next because it is closest to the oil supply (Chevron/Tesoro refineries).

ML&P Plant 1 and Chugach International would be next because of accessibility of oil and ease or difficulty of conversion to oil, and ML&P Plant 2 and Chugach Knik Arm would be last, and least, to be interrupted.

Wherever practical, AGAS would hope to give a reasonable notice to schedule interruptions, possibly a full day. However,

in actual operation decisions may have to be made hour-by-hour, and changes of plans may become necessary as a result of sudden changes or weather, or of the gas supply or because of unexpected experience at any of the power plants.

NATURAL GAS INTERRUPTION COST ALLOCATION FORMULA

DOCKET U-81-82

COMPUTATION OF EQUIVALENT HOURS

EXAMPLE A

	<u>Hours of Interruption</u>	<u>Total BTU Usage During Interruption</u>	<u>BTU Usage of Alternate Fuel</u>	<u>Costs of Interruption</u>
Military:				
Ft. Richardson	24 hours	20,000	20,000	\$100,000
Elmendorf AFB	10 hours	20,000	10,000	80,000
Chugach	4 hours	8,000	2,000	25,000
ML&P	0 hours	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL		<u>68,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>\$205,000</u>

Equivalent hours = $32,000/68,000 \times 24 \text{ hours} = \underline{11.3 \text{ hours}}$

EXAMPLE B

Military:				
Ft. Richardson	80 hours	70,000	70,000	\$350,000
Elmendorf AFB	60 hours	70,000	50,000	400,000
Chugach	20 hours	40,000	15,000	180,000
ML&P	0 hours	<u>70,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL		<u>250,000</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>\$930,000</u>

Equivalent hours = $135,000/250,000 \times 80 \text{ hours} = \underline{43.2 \text{ hours}}$

NATURAL GAS INTERRUPTION COST ALLOCATION FORMULA

DOCKET U-81-82

REPAYMENT MATRIX

EXAMPLE A

<u>PAYOR</u>	<u>MILITARY</u>	<u>CEA</u>	<u>PAID TO:</u>	
			<u>ML&P</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AGAS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Military	-	(1) 14,706	-	14,706
CEA	(2) 21,176	-	-	21,176
ML&P	(3) <u>52,941</u>	(4) <u>7,353</u>	-	<u>60,294</u>
	<u>\$74,117</u>	<u>\$22,059</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$96,176</u>

TOTAL COST

AGAS	\$ -
Military (\$180,000 + 14,706 - 74,117)	120,589
CEA (\$ 25,000 + 21,176 - 22,059)	24,117
ML&P	<u>60,294</u>
	<u>\$205,000</u>

- (1) $40/68 \times \$25,000$
(2) $8/68 \times \$180,000$
(3) $20/68 \times \$180,000$
(4) $20/68 \times \$ 25,000$

NATURAL GAS INTERRUPTION COST ALLOCATION FORMULA

DOCKET U-81-82

REPAYMENT MATRIX

EXAMPLE B

<u>PAYOR</u>		<u>PAID TO:</u>			
		<u>MILITARY</u>	<u>CEA</u>	<u>ML&P</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AGAS	(1)	\$ 55,556	(2) \$ 13,333	\$ -	\$ 68,889
Military		-	(3) 93,333	-	93,333
CEA	(4)	111,111	-	-	111,111
	(5)	<u>\$ 194,444</u>	(6) <u>46,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 241,111</u>
		<u>\$ 361,111</u>	<u>\$ 153,333</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 514,444</u>

TOTAL COST

AGAS	\$ 68,889
Military (\$750,000 + 93,333 - 361,111)	482,222
CEA (\$180,000 + 111,111 - 153,333)	137,778
ML&P	<u>241,111</u>
	<u>\$930,000</u>

- (1) $3.2/43.2 \times \$750,000$
(2) $3.2/43.2 \times \$180,000$
(3) $40/43.2 \times 140/250 \times \$180,000$
(4) $40/43.2 \times 40/250 \times \$750,000$
(5) $40/43.2 \times 70/250 \times \$750,000$
(6) $40/43.2 \times 70/250 \times \$130,000$



Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Official Business

TO: Representative Ramona Barnes, Chair
Judiciary Committee

FROM: Speaker Joe Hayes *Joe Hayes*

DATE: February 10, 1982

RE: Confirmation of Governor's Appointments

The following names have been submitted by the Governor for confirmation. Please evaluate the nominees and conduct confirmation hearings as you deem necessary. Please submit your recommendations for action on the nominations by the House of Representatives as soon as possible.

Alaska Public Utilities Commission

*Carolyn Guess, Anchorage, term expiring 10/31/87
*Susan Knowles, Anchorage, term expiring 10/31/87
Diana Snowden, Anchorage, term expiring 10/31/86

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January 22, 1982

Mr. Brian Rogers
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Dear Brian:

As we discussed on January 20, ACAP is quite concerned that three APUC Commissioners (Guess, Knowles and Snowden) have yet to be confirmed by the legislature. Further, we question whether or not Commissioners Guess and Knowles, the consumer representatives, have fulfilled their roles as intended by the legislature.

Because of these concerns we suggest that the following questions be raised during the confirmation hearings of Commissioners Guess and Knowles.

1. For the last five years you have served as the first consumer representatives on the APUC. Please define your role on the Commission; how does it differ, if at all, from the other members of the Commission; what, if any, goals did you set for yourself and how do you evaluate your achievements in the area of consumer representation?
2. What steps have you taken since your appointment to improve consumer involvement in APUC proceedings?

Follow-up questions:

- a. Do you feel that consumers have an important role in APUC proceedings and in decision-making by the Commissioners? Is this an informed role?
- b. Have you held meetings with any consumer groups or representatives?
- c. Have you initiated and held any public workshops regarding consumer participation before the APUC?

Answer: To our knowledge neither Knowles or Guess has made any attempt to improve communications with the consumer.

3. Describe the present consumer education or outreach program employed by the APUC?

Answer: No program is in existence. The consumer division only responds to questions asked by individual consumers.

4. What brochures or plans for consumer publications now exist?

Answer: No brochures or publications exists.

5. What procedure has been adopted to insure public notification of rate cases and testimony at public hearings?

Follow-up question.

- a. Are the individuals with letters on file notified that a matter regarding their utility is pending before the APUC?
- b. Have you advertised for public input beyond the formal notice published in newspapers?

Answer: Notification is advertised under the legal or public notice section of the newspapers only.

6. What is the role of the consumer division of the APUC? How many personnel are presently assigned to the consumer division? What, if any, plans do you have to expand this division?

Answer: Two people are assigned to this division. Commissioner Guess told us that that division has low priority for expansion and additional funding from the APUC budget.

7. What procedure has been adopted to insure consumer input into Staff's representation of the "public interest?"

Follow-up questions:

- a. How do you define "public interest?"
- b. Does "public interest" differ from consumer interest? If so, how does Staff determine what the consumer interest is? Do you encourage Staff to work with consumers? Have Staff's recent recommendations on rate design and revenue requirements been based on any consumer input?
- c. What role does the consumer division play in the tariff meetings? What weight is given their recommendations?

Answer: No organized effort has been made by the APUC to incorporate consumer concerns into the rate-making procedure. Recent Staff proposals have been jeered by consumers.

8. What recommendations do you have for the future of consumer representation and advocacy?

Follow-up questions.

- a. Would you advocate legislation in this area? If no: Do you really believe that the consumers feel adequately represented by Staff?
- b. Would you encourage increasing the personnel in the APUC consumer division?
- c. Would you work with consumers to design a public education program?

Answer: Chairman Guess indicated to ACAP that this area has low priority.

We would appreciate the hearings being held prior to February 28, 1982, as this is the date ACAP goes out of existence. If that is not possible please contact the following consumers so they may be present at the hearings.

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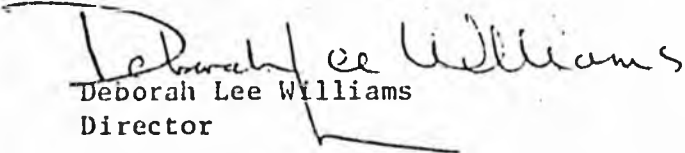
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Thank you for your interest and support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Chambers of
VICTOR D. CARLSON, Judge

April 2, 1982

The Honorable Ramona Barnes
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
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Re: Susan Knowles

Dear Madame Chairman:

This letter is written in support of Mrs. Knowles' confirmation to continue as a member of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission.

Having had the opportunity to review the transcript of several hearings in which Commissioner Knowles has participated, I want to share my belief that she is thorough, fair, and patient with all parties and witnesses and that her decisions are carefully reasoned. She, like Mrs. Guess, brings to the commission an understanding of the problems in rural Alaska together with those of the urban centers. From my experience she has fulfilled the duties of a public utilities commissioner in an exemplary manner.

Thanking you for considering this letter, I am

Very truly yours,

Victor D. Carlson
Superior Court Judge

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March 25, 1982

Kay Paddon
Chairman
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Dear Kay:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 1982, which recaps the meeting held by teleconference between representatives of ACAP, the Consumer Advocacy Committees throughout the State and members of the Commission. The communication and dialogue between the Commissioners and members of the CAC's over the last four to six weeks has been fruitful and will provide ideas and opportunities for continuing meaningful consumer input into the regulatory process.

As I indicated, the Commission intends to respond to those items that were raised during the teleconference and believes the list of concerns in your February 9, 1982, letter is an appropriate place to begin.

Consumer Communication

The Commission is committed to provide opportunity for consumers throughout Alaska to seek assistance and information from the Commission, and to this end, believes that a toll free Zenith phone number is preferable to accepting collect phone calls. The Commission is, at this time, actively pursuing the acquisition of a Zenith phone line. As I am sure you are aware, budget considerations are a part of the reality with which the Commission must live; therefore, I would not expect the establishment of a Zenith number until the Commission receives favorable approval of its FY 1983 budget requests.

We concur that, if the Commission is successful in acquiring a Zenith phone number, this information should be communicated to all consumers of regulated utilities. It would be our intent to place the Zenith number in the phone directories outside the Anchorage dialing area.

At the present time, the Commission's two-member Consumer Protection and Information Section spends approximately 70 percent of its time on the phone, either talking with consumers or attempting to informally resolve their problems and complaints with regulated utilities! The addition of a Zenith number will undoubtedly increase the time these two Staff members spend on the phone. You should be aware that, as a result, other important work of the section could be delayed or in some instances, eliminated. Notwithstanding this possible adverse effect, the Commission shares ACAP's belief that the institution of a Zenith number as a vehicle for consumer input should be a priority.

Community Hearings

ACAP's suggestion that the Commission hold meetings in the affected communities prior to the development of Staff's positions is timely and has been discussed at length by the Commissioners. ACAP makes a valid point that such consumer input may be extremely beneficial in Commission proceedings. The Commissioners believe that this suggestion can be effected in selected cases where consumer interest is intense; the Commission will be discussing possible implementation strategies within the budgetary, personnel and scheduling constraints of the agency. The fact that CAC's will continue to provide a Commission contact in at least five utility service areas certainly will be helpful to this effort.

Consumer Survey

A uniform survey questionnaire to assess quality of service from the consumer prospective is one of our projects for calendar FY 82, as the Commissioners stated at the tele-conference. To minimize budget impact, the Commission is exploring the possibility of the development of a questionnaire by graduate students under direction of faculty at the University of Alaska. In line with the discussion in the previous paragraph, this tool also provides a procedure whereby the Commission Staff can receive consumer input prior to the development of its recommendations.

Public Notice of Filings and Hearing Dates

ACAP's concern, that notice of a utility request which is published in a newspaper's legal advertisements, while satisfying the statutory public notice requirement, may not provide consumers with knowledge of the substance of a utility's request, is well founded. This can result, as it did in Juneau, in lack of consumer awareness that together

with a rate increase, a substantive rate redesign was also included in the utility's request. As noted at the teleconference, the regulatory policy standards established by this Commission now provide that electric and gas utilities must inform their consumers within 30 days of a request to increase its rates or substantially changes its rate design. The Commission is aware, however, that this does not address other regulated utilities and will work to rectify this situation by a proposed revision in the Commission's regulations governing notice to the public of utility tariff filings.

Hearing Location

It is established Commission policy to conduct hearings in the utility's service area in a proceeding where substantial consumer interest has been demonstrated. This is evident by the recent hearings in regard to rate increase and design requests by Matanuska Electric Association, Golden Valley Electric Association and Alaska Electric Light & Power Co. If budgetary constraints or the scheduling of other proceedings preclude the Commission from taking the entire hearing panel to a community, the Commission sends a member of the panel, Staff legal counsel and/or a Staff member with substantive responsibility for Staff's case to listen to the views of the public. To announce the time and place of the hearing, the electronic media is notified by Ray Wipperman; press releases are sent to newspapers and in most instances display ads are placed in the local newspapers.

Commission support of ACAP's efforts

On several occasions during recent months, members of ACAP or its various local CAC's throughout the State have asked that individual Commissioners (and, for that matter, the Commission as a whole) publicly advocate and support continued legislative funding of ACAP's efforts. The Commission has been concerned, as you are undoubtedly aware, that public advocacy of ACAP funding by this agency could result in misunderstanding and possible APUC budget cuts by the Legislature. There are many organized groups and individuals who believe that the Commission is already adequately funded to undertake a fully-developed consumer information and education program. Consequently, it is imperative that such individuals understand that our two member "Consumer Protection and Information Section" already handles an average of 6,500 complaints and requests for assistance each year. This does not consider other important Section functions which include participation in Commission proceedings involving utility rules, regulations, quality of service, and formal consumer complaints; press inquiries and releases on scheduled hearings and Commission orders are also responsibilities of this Section.

making is impermissible under our statute. Our staffing level even further restricts our ability to obtain sufficient consumer input on all issues before this Commission. In spite of these factors, the Commissioners individually and collectively are committed to providing an environment which will assist consumers in presenting their views in the most constructive manner and to the maximum extent possible. ACAP's efforts during the past year have been one exemplary means by which this objective has been furthered. As a result, the Commission acknowledges and sincerely appreciates ACAP's efforts during the past year to provide a vehicle for organized consumer education and input in our proceedings that heretofore has frequently been absent. Consumers have been educated by ACAP regarding the procedures peculiar to the complexities of the quasi-judicial regulatory and rate-making process, not only through meetings in various communities, but also through the extensive consumer information pamphlet recently published entitled, "What You Can Do About Your Utility's Rates and Services." Thus, in the majority of instances, consumers have been able to provide more meaningful and constructive suggestions, opinions and facts on matters before the Commission. It is certainly acknowledged that with our existing backlog of over 225 open docket cases, other workload, and shortage of personnel, the Commission by itself could not have accomplished this highly desirable goal. As several witnesses in recent proceedings have told the Commission, ACAP has provided both a forum and a mechanism whereby customers can organize their views for effective presentation to the Commission.

The Commission also recognizes that one of the most significant, but perhaps least recognized contributions of a funded versus volunteer program, is that it provides the financial resources necessary for formal intervention in a proceeding. Few individual consumers have the technical or legal knowledge to intervene in a case, but even assuming this expertise, still fewer consumers possess the personal financial resources necessary, since our statute imposes the potential liability of proportionate hearing costs.

The Commission recognizes and supports the positive contributions to the regulatory process which can be made by an organized, funded consumer advocacy group and will respond accordingly to legislative inquiries. A responsible consumer advocacy group would be a welcome complement to the work being done by the Commission's dedicated, competent Staff.

The Role of the APUC Staff

Attached you will find a memorandum from the Staff of the Commission as a result of a series of meetings held by the section chiefs to discuss their communication and involvement with consumers as an integral part of their responsibilities in the regulatory process.


Additional Items of Interest

You will be pleased to learn that the Commission has been successful in recruiting a power engineer to fill its current vacancy. Mr. Rudolph Bertschi, formerly with the Office of the Illinois Consumer Counsel, will join the Commission Staff on April 1, 1982.

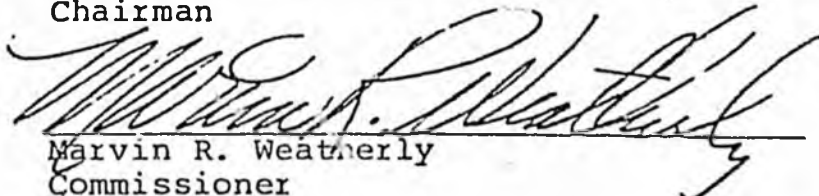
The Commission plans to include the CAC representatives on its mailing list of Public Notices of Tariff Filings and its Weekly List of Orders Issued. Because the CAC's will be operating without any funding, the normal Commission fees associated with the distribution of this information will be waived.

Again, our thanks for your time and interest in providing meaningful communication with the Commission.

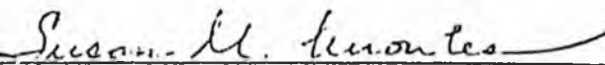
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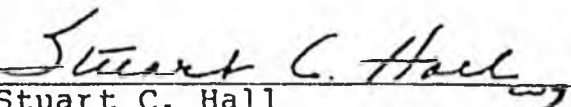
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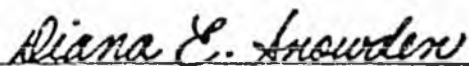
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Stuart C. Hall
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Commissioner

STAFF POLICY ON ASSISTANCE TO CONSUMERS

It is the policy of the Staff that this agency is to be open and responsive to interests of consumers. The agency will answer questions or complaints of consumers as personnel are available and will receive information from consumers concerning utility practices, service, and tariff filings.

The Staff represents the broad public interest. This means that in its recommendations to the Commission, the Staff takes into consideration the interests of all classes of customers. This interest includes the long term viability of the utility to assure that customers continue to be served at reasonable rates. Staff will take into consideration suggestions from any interested person in pursuing its investigations. Its final recommendation will reflect a balanced point of view.

The Consumer Protection Section of the Commission is primarily responsible for resolving consumer complaints about utility services, answering consumer questions about Commission procedure, dockets, or tariff advice filings, soliciting and examining consumer comments in conjunction with any formal proceeding, and reviewing tariff filings for matters of consumer concern. Where appropriate, consumer questions or comments will be fielded to the staff member assigned to a particular matter. Generally, these Staff responses will be relayed to the consumer through the Consumer Protection Section. Arrangements will be made for any Staff's direct involvement in an information response when prudent handling of the matter so requires and within the time limitations imposed by that Staff member's primary responsibilities.

The Tariff Section of the Commission is primarily responsible for soliciting consumer comments concerning tariff advice filings, and for answering consumer questions about tariff matters. Consumer comments concerning tariff advice filings will be examined by the Staff individuals responsible for preparing the Staff recommendation to the Commission.

The Finance Section will assist consumers in finding information contained in utility annual reports to the Commission.

ON-GOING QUALITY OF SERVICE REVIEW

It is the policy of the Staff that this agency should monitor the quality of service provided by utilities on an on-going basis. Periodically, the Staff will seek consumer comments on the quality of service provided by their serving utilities. This may be accomplished by any method appropriate in the particular case, including publication of an advertisement, or other notice inviting comment; mailing out a bill insert, letter, or questionnaire; or conducting on-site visits and inspections. The Staff will monitor the performance of utility equipment by use of

appropriate test equipment. The Staff will advise any utilities whose service the Staff does not believe to be of adequate quality of specific problems. Where possible, Staff will assist utilities in taking action to improve service. Where Staff cannot resolve such problems informally, and the utility is not taking sufficient steps to remedy serious service problems, Staff will report its findings to the Commission, and if necessary, file a formal complaint against the utility.

CONSUMER INPUT ON RATE CASES

It is the policy of Staff that this agency should also seek consumer comments on quality of service during a rate case. This may be accomplished by publication of an advertisement or other notice inviting comment; mailing out a bill insert, letter, press release, or questionnaire; or conducting on-site visits and inspections. These comments should be sought prior to the Staff audit of the utility operations. The Executive Director, attorney, accountant and engineer (where applicable) assigned to the case, with input from the Consumer Protection Section, will decide whether quality of service should be at issue in the rate case.

Where appropriate, the Consumer Protection Section and/or attorney with assistance from other Staff members as needed will follow-up on comments received by conducting a public meeting on-site.

The results of the quality of service investigation, whatever it may be, will be reflected in the testimony of the engineer.

Also, the accountant will investigate and consider within the time frame of the audit any reasonable adjustment proposed by a consumer.

CONSUMER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

If a member of the public contacts the Staff to request information about a utility which is not available in the Commission's public records, that request may be granted or denied upon a consideration of the following:

- a) Whether the Staff or the utility has an expectation that the requested information is not public under 3 AAC 48.050(a) or 3 AAC 48.040.
- b) Whether the person requesting the information has the ability or resources to obtain it from another source such as the utility or an independent hired expert.
- c) Whether obtaining the information requires unavailable Staff time.

- d) Whether the information requested may have a significant effect on issues in a docket.
- e) Whether a requested investigation is predicated on information from a reliable source.
- f) Whether the requested information should be released only on order of the Commission.

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June 2, 1981

Mr. L.J. Schultz, General Manager
 Chugach Electric Association, Inc.
 P.O. Box 3518
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Dear Mr. Schultz:

Re Cost Differential

According to Rule 8.12 d. (2) of Chugach Electric Association, Inc.'s (CEA), filed and currently effective tariff the utility is required to develop annually the construction cost differential between underground and overhead facilities on a per-lineal foot basis to be used during the construction season commencing on March 1, of each year. This differential together with supporting data is to be submitted to the Commission not less than sixty days prior to the March 1, effective date.

A review of the Commission's files indicates that we have not as yet received the required filing for the current construction season, nor have we received the required information for the years 1979 and 1980.

Therefore, please submit the filing required by CEA's Tariff Rule 8.12.d. (2) for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981 by no later than 4:00 p.m., June 17, 1981.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Very truly yours,

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

John B. Farleigh

Executive Director

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In the Matter of the Filing of a)
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ORDER NO. 2

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

On April 6, 1978, CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA), filed a tariff revision, designated at TA18-8, to modify its underground line extension differential rate. CEA proposed to reduce the rate from \$7.00 per linear foot of primary facility to \$5.00 per linear foot of primary facility. CEA contended that the filing was being made and the differential cost determined pursuant to rule 8.12d(2) of its currently effective tariff.

On April 25, 1978, the Commission's Staff (Staff) presented its initial recommendation to the Commission regarding the disposition of the tariff filing. Staff recommended that the filing should become effective at end of the 45-day statutory notice period on 5/22/78. The basis of that recommendation was that the cost information submitted with the filing justified the differential and the filing was a reduction in rate for underground extensions. The Commission did not concur with Staff's recommendation.

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In the Matter of the Filing of a
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TA22-8, by CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSO-
CIATION, INC., for an Interim and
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ORDER NO. 1

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In the Matter of the Consideration
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of the Ratemaking Standards and
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TION, INC.

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In the Matter of the Investigation
of CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION,
INC.'s Wholesale Power Billing
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In the Matter of the Investigation
into the Management Practices and
Procedures of CHUGACH ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION, INC.

U-81-53
ORDER NO. 1

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ORDER SUSPENDING OPERATION OF TARIFF
REVISION, GRANTING INTERIM RATE INCREASE, AND
REQUIRING MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF UTILITY

On June 26, 1981, CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION,
INC. (CEA), filed a tariff revision, designated as TA22-8,
requesting an interim and permanent rate increase of
25.6 percent to retail electric rates exclusive of security
and street lights. In addition, CEA proposed the elimin-
ation of rate differentials between urban and suburban
classes by raising urban rates to the suburban level and
then applying a percentage increase to rates of both classes.
This results in a higher percentage increase in the bills of
urban customers than in the bills of suburban customers.

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Mr. L. J. Schultz
 General Manager
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Dear Mr. Schultz:

The Commission is seriously concerned about the lack of information available to the public regarding the widespread and prolonged service outage experienced by Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (CEA), on Sunday, August 9, 1981. The Commission also lacks adequate information to ~~explain~~ ^{understand} the circumstances which resulted in the duration of the power outage.

In the past, the Commission has raised such questions with CEA on an informal basis. It is now appropriate to require a formal reply. Specifically, the Commission ^{desires} ~~desires~~ a written response to the following questions:

- 1) What is CEA's procedure ^{of} for notifying the public via the media ~~for~~ an outage and the expected time for restoration of service?
- 2) Does CEA intend to install a "hotline" to resolve the problem of an overloaded telephone system which occurs during an outage?
- 3) What events led to the prolonged power outage on August 9, 1981, and what actions have been taken or will be taken to ensure that a repeat situation will not occur?

Under AS 42.05.29(a)

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10 In the Matter of the Investi-)
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ORDER No. 3

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14 ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION;
 15 ALLOWING INTERVENTION; AND ESTABLISHING DATES FOR
 16 PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF PRE-FILED TESTIMONY

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 21 rate differentials between urban and suburban classes by
 22 raising urban rates to the suburban level and then applying
 23 a percentage increase to rates of both classes. This resulted
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 27 No. 1 in Docket U-81-52 and Order No. 2 in Docket U-81-20
 28 suspending TA22-8 for an initial six-month period ending
 29 February 10, 1982. The suspension period would allow the
 30 Commission Staff (Staff) time to thoroughly investigate the
 31 reasonableness and propriety of CEA's proposed tariff revision.
 32 The Commission also granted the utility a 16.91 percent

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 TA22-8, by CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSO-) ORDER NO. 2
 CIATION, INC., for an Interim and)
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ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION;
DENYING INTERVENTION WITHOUT PREJUDICE, AND ESTABLISHING DATES FOR
PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF PRE-FILED TESTIMONY

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

On September 14, 1981, the Commissioner issued Order No. 2 in Docket U-81-52 which, among other things, denied without prejudice the Petition to Intervene by the ~~ANCHORAGE CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE~~, filed by the ALASKA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ACAP) on September 3, 1981.

On September 16, 1981, ACAP submitted a Revised Petition to Intervene by the Anchorage Consumer Advisory Committee for consideration by the Commission. A ~~STAFF~~ (Staff) response to Second Petition for Intervention was filed on September 22, 1981, ~~opposing~~ *which opposes granting* ACAP's status as an intervenor.

The Commission has examined ACAP's Petition against the standards for ~~for~~ intervention set out in 3 AAC 48.110, particularly subsections (b) and (c) of that section, as well as its policy concerning intervention set out in U-77-16(2), pages 3-4, and has considered the counter-arguments presented by Staff in its response. Based on this analysis, the Commission concludes that the facts and reasons set out in ACAP's Petition for Intervention sufficiently meet the

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 ASSOCIATION, INC.'s Wholesale)
 Power Billing Practices) ORDER NO. 4

In the Matter of the Filing of a)
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 TA22-8, by CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSO-)
 CIATION, INC., for an Interim and) ORDER NO. 4
 Permanent Rate Increase)

ORDER AMENDING SCHEDULES FOR
 SUBMISSION OF PRE-FILED TESTIMONY AND
 PUBLIC HEARINGS

On September 14, 1981, the Commission issued Order Nos. 3 and 2 in Dockets U-81-20 and U-81-52, respectively, which, among other things, established the dates for public hearing and submission of pre-filed testimony. CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA), was required to file its list of witnesses and written prepared testimony by [redacted] September 30, 1981, and Commission Staff (Staff) was directed to file its witness list and pre-filed testimony by [redacted] October 7, 1981. While Order Nos. 3 and 2 denied intervention to the ALASKA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ACAP) on behalf of Anchorage Consumer Advisory Committee, ACAP was placed on notice that if it was granted intervenor status in a subsequent order, its witness list and pre-filed testimony would be due October 14, 1981. The public hearing on the revenue requirement portion of CEA's proposed tariff revision was scheduled for October 21, 1981, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's offices in Anchorage, Alaska.

Based upon a revised petition to intervene filed [redacted] on September 16, 1981, the Commission in Order No. 3 in

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 ASSOCIATION, INC., for a Permanent)
 General Rate Increase)

U-77-68

ORDER NO. 8

ORDER ALLOCATING COSTS
 AND CLOSING DOCKET

On October 13, 1980, the Commission issued Order No. 7 in this proceeding which, among other things, approved TA14-8 and TA14-8(1) filed by CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA); required CEA to file revised tariff sheets reflecting the approved rate design and rates; gave notice to CEA that in future cost-of-service studies and rate designs the deficiencies identified therein in its methodology and supporting documentation are to be rectified; and provided that outstanding cost-of-service and rate-design issues in this proceeding would be considered within the context of the Commission's consideration of the applicability of the ratemaking standards in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) to CEA.

On November 14, 1980, CEA filed revised tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's order. Subsequently, on December 12, 1980, in an administrative meeting, the Commission approved and made effective CEA's revised tariff sheets reflecting the rate design and rates approved in Order No. 7 thus concluding consideration of the outstanding substantive issues in this proceeding.

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9 ASSOCIATION, INC.'s Wholesale)
10 Power Billing Practices) ORDER NO. 5

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12 Tariff Revision, Designated as) U-81-52
13 TA22-8, by CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSO-)
14 CIATION, INC., for an Interim and) ORDER NO. 5
15 Permanent Rate Increase)

14 ORDER GRANTING PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION, *Relocating Hearing*
15 AND DENYING ADDITIONAL INTERIM RATE INCREASE *WITHOUT*
16 Orders No. 4, issued September 29, 1981, granted an

17 extension of time to CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA), in
18 which to designate witnesses from the Rural Electrification Admin-
19 istration (REA) and National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance
20 Corporation (CFC) and submit their written prepared testimony.
21 The witness list and pre-filed testimony for representatives from
22 agencies were required to be filed by 4:00 p.m., October 14, 1981.
23 In order to allow the Commission Staff (Staff) adequate time in
24 which to address the issues raised in the testimony filed by REA
25 and CFC witnesses, Orders No. 4 extended Staff's filing require-
26 ment deadline to October 23, 1981, and rescheduled the public
27 hearing from October 21 to October 27, 1981.

28 Orders No. 4 also clarified the Commission's intent to
29 hold separate public hearings in these proceedings. A public
30 hearing was scheduled for November 9, 1981, to examine and address
31 CEA's wholesale power billing practices and procedures. Staff was
32 required to address the wholesale power billing practices issue in

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ORDER NO.

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ORDER AFFIRMING PREVIOUS ORDERS AND DENYING
 RELEASE OF STAFF WORK PAPERS

On November 6, 1981, CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA) filed a Request For Clarification of Order And Release of Staff Work-Papers. Specifically, CEA requested a clarification of the following paragraph found on page 4, U-81-52(2)

The Commission has reviewed the utility's petition and Staff's response thereto and is prepared to grant partial reconsideration of Order No. 1. Specifically, the Commission concurs with CEA that the actual, rather than an imputed, TIER requirement should be considered for interim rate-making purposes in the instant case. At the same time, the Commission agrees with Staff that it would be unreasonable to impose full responsibility for all TIER in excess of 1.0 on the retail customers. Accordingly, the Commission will allow the utility an across-the-board interim, refundable increase in all tariffed rates sufficient to yield a TIER of 1.34 on the retail revenue requirement only, i.e. not on the total company revenue requirement. In the absence of a cost of service study, it is difficult for the Commission or its Staff to compute the interim rate increase percentage which results from this decision without making certain arbitrary assumptions. Therefore, if the utility wishes to further increase its interim rates as allowed by this Order before the permanent revenue requirement determination, it will be necessary for CEA to perform the numerical

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 ORDER NO. 8

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO ENLARGE TIME
 AND ESTABLISHING SCHEDULES FOR SUBMISSION OF PREFILED TESTIMONY
 AND FOR PUBLIC HEARING

On October 22, 1981, CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA), filed a Petition for an Order Continuing Hearing and Scheduling Supplemental Filing in this proceeding. By Bench Order issued October 23, 1981, the Commission scheduled a hearing for October 26, 1981, to allow the utility, the Commission Staff (Staff), and the ALASKA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ACAP) to present oral argument on CEA's petition. At the conclusion of the hearing the Commission issued a Bench Order granting CEA's request for a continuance subject to the following three conditions:

(1) By February 15, 1982, CEA is required to submit a new revenue requirement filing, subject to the requirements of 3 AAC 48.275, with an updated 1981 test year with appropriate adjustments to revenues, expenses and rate base.

(2) CEA is required to pursue the issue of TIER for generation and transmission as mandated in Order No. 2, to continue to request an [sic] REA policy

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Order No. 9 [Signature]

ORDER STAYING ORDER NO. 8 PENDING INTERVENOR RESPONSE
AND SCHEDULING SHOW CAUSE HEARING

On February 3, 1982, the Commission issued Order No. 8 in this proceeding which, among other things, granted the request of CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA), for an extension of time in which to file its revenue requirement study from February 15, 1982, to March 10, 1982.

On February 4, 1982, intervenor ALASKA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ACAP) filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 8. ACAP stated that CEA failed to comply with 3 AAC 48.090(h) which requires that filings in a proceeding be served on all parties of record, and, therefore, the utility's Petition to Enlarge Time in Which to File Application for Rate Relief was "void." According to ACAP, the following actions were necessitated by this deficiency:

◁ The Commission must order Chugach to serve their motion on us and then the Commission must give us the requisite number of days to respond to the motion.

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 ORDER NO. 10

ORDER AFFIRMING ORDER NO. 8 AND SUPPLEMENTING SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION ~~TITLE~~ OF PRE-FILED TESTIMONY

On February 3, 1982, the Commission issued Order No. 8 in this proceeding granting the request of CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CEA), for an extension of time in which to file its revenue requirement study from February 15, 1982, to March 10, 1982. Order No. 8 also established deadlines for submission of pre-filed testimony by CEA and the Commission Staff (Staff) on March 10 and April 23, 1982, respectively, and scheduled a public hearing on the proposed rate increase to convene on May 5, 1982.

On February 4, 1982, intervenor ALASKA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ACAP), filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting cancellation of Order No. 8 pending ACAP receipt of and response to the utility's Petition to Enlarge Time in Which to File Application for Rate Relief. The Commission subsequently issued Order No. 9, dated February 5, 1982, staying the operation of Order

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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February 11, 1982

COMMISSION ACTION

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	OK	UJ	2/11/82
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Snowden,			

Chugach Electric Association
Tom Kolasinski, Acting Manager
P.O. Box 3518
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Kolasinski:

The Commission has been advised that the salary information required on page 104 of Chugach Electric Association's (CEA) 1980 Annual Report to the Commission has not been provided. In addition, the Commission has been informally advised by its staff that CEA does not wish to file this information because it believes this action could violate the right to privacy of some of its employees.

CEA is hereby placed on notice that it shall file the required salary information by Friday, February 19, 1982 at 4:00 p.m. If the utility wishes to request that this information be treated as proprietary the following procedure which supplements the Commission's present statute and regulations governing public disclosure of information (AS 42.05.671 and 3 AAC 48.040) should be followed:

PROCEDURE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MATERIAL OF
INFORMATION FOR WHICH PROPRIETARY
OR PRIVILEGED STATUS IS REQUESTED

1. Written Petition for Proprietary or Privileged Status.

1.1. If no written request has been made to designate material or information as proprietary or otherwise privileged, all material and information that is filed with, served upon, or otherwise made available to the Commission shall be available for examination by the public. Any person wishing to protect material or information filed with, served upon or otherwise made available to the Commission shall file with the Commission a formal written petition identifying the material or information sought to be protected and setting forth the facts, reasons, or other grounds upon which the Commission should classify that material or information as proprietary or otherwise privileged.

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	OK	MPW	4/3/81
	OK	CS	4/6/81
	OK	SU	4-3-81
	OK	ILG	4/6/81

April 2, 1981

STAFF ACTION		
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Drafted by	CS	
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Checked by	MPW	4/2/81
Approved by	JAF	

In reply refer to: Tariffs
TA132-120

A.C. Pistorius, General Manager
Anchorage Telephone Utility
600 East 38th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Pistorius:

Enclosed is a validated copy of the tariff sheet filed on February 6, 1981, by Anchorage Telephone Utility. This filing, designated as TA132-120, has an effective date of March 27, 1981.

In consideration of the manner in which the amount of the credit for returning telephone sets was derived, the Commission directs ATU to monitor the appropriateness of the \$5.00 credit amount and be prepared, at the time of a general rate examination, to provide the Commission with evidence as to why the credit should be continued or, as appropriate, modified.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION.

Very truly yours,
ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

John B. Farleigh
Executive Director

JBF/ga
Enclosure

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Drafted by	J. J. [unclear]	
Checked by	J. J. [unclear]	4/2/81
Approved by	J. J. [unclear]	

April 2, 1981

In reply refer to: Tariffs
TA132-120

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Checked by	JMW	5/26/81
Approved by	KW	5/26/81
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May 26, 1981

OK SCA 5-26-81
 Check EAS study
 deadline 5/26/81
 July 1st

In reply refer to: Tariffs
 TA138-120
 U-80-42
 U-81-19

45 days end 5/26/81.

A.C. Pistorius, General Manager
 Anchorage Telephone Utility
 600 East 38th Avenue
 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Pistorius:

The Commission has approved the proposal of Anchorage Telephone Utility (ATU) to cancel its adopted tariff of the Greater Anchorage Borough Telecommunications Company, Inc. (GAB-TEL), and to apply its present Anchorage area tariff to the areas served under the GAB-TEL tariff. This filing has an effective date of May 26, 1981.

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As a part of its consideration of this filing, the Commission observed that the feasibility study on the provision of extended area service (EAS) to the former GAB-TEL area still has not been filed with the Commission. This report was originally anticipated in July, 1980. The Commission understands that ATU is presently analyzing traffic data and expects to complete the study shortly. Therefore, the Commission directs that the EAS feasibility study be filed with the Commission no later than August 1, 1981.

A list of the validated tariff sheets being returned at this time is attached. As the Staff has discussed with ATU, the following procedural matters are still required to complete the application of the Anchorage area tariff to the GAB-TEL area.

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	OK	SM	5-27-81

STAFF ACTION		
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Drafted by	IW	
Reviewed by	JB	5-15-81
Checked by	IW	5-15
Approved by	B	5-18
	JBT	

Note: This is a second routing of this draft - 1st draft has apparently been lost.

May 15, 1981

Ted Burns, Esq.
 Municipal Attorney
 Municipality of Anchorage
 632 West 6th Avenue
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Burns:

Re: Certification of Garbage and Refuse Public Utilities

The enactment of Ch. 136, SLA 1980 (FCCS SB 577) repealed the language of AS 42.05.221(f) and ^{portions of} AS 42.05.711(b) which exempted garbage and refuse collection and disposal public utilities operating within municipal boundaries (as they existed on January 1, 1973) from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the service area within these boundaries.

The repeal of this language means that all municipal garbage and refuse utilities must possess a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the area it ^{served} ~~services~~ AS 42.05.221(a), 42.05.701(2)(F), (5)(A). This is required even though, as a municipal utility, under the remaining language in 42.05.711(b) or under the new 42.05.711(j) (annual gross revenues of \$200,000 or less) they may not be subject to economic regulation by the Commission.

Note: In stating the requirement mentioned above, a municipality may still be exempted from all or any portion of these statutes if, on a Commission finding, it is found that public interest will be served by exempting compliance with AS 42.05.711(d).

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45 days end 7/24; utility

must have advance approval to bill 7/1/81

June 19, 1981

In reply refer to: Tariffs
TA34-121

Thomas R. Stahr, General Manager
Municipal Light & Power Department
~~Municipality of Anchorage d/b/a/~~
1200 East First Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Stahr:

Enclosed are validated copies of tariff sheets filed on June 10, 1981, by Municipal Light and Power (ML&P). This filing, designated as TA34-121, has an effective date of June 1, 1981.

Although the Commission has approved this filing, it is concerned about the continuing lack of generation by the waste heat unit. ML&P is directed to include in its next gas cost rate adjustment filing an explanation of the lack of reported steam generation and ML&P's plans for use of the waste heat unit.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Very truly yours,

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

John B. Farleigh
Executive Director

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Typed by		SKM	6/19/81
Checked by		JMW	6/19/81
Approved by		JMW	6/19/81

June 19, 1981

45 days
end
7/2/81

In reply refer to: Tariffs
TA146-120

A. C. Pistorius, General Manager
600 East 38th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Pistorius:

Enclosed is a validated copy of the tariff sheet filed on May 18, 1981, by Anchorage Telephone Utility (ATU). This filing, designated as TA146-120, has an effective date of July 2, 1981.

In its study of this filing, the Commission reviewed a number of previous filings affecting the Secretarial Answering Service Schedule and noted that the large TASCUM answering system, which was the subject of TAs 98-120, TA111-120, and TA115-120, is not presently tariffed. The Commission urges ATU to review its offerings in the Secretarial Answering Service ^{Schedule} to assure that all offerings are properly tariffed.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Very truly yours,
ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

John B. Farleigh
Executive Director

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STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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 5/11/81

Before Commissioners:

Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall

FINAL CERTIFIED BY
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[Signatures]

NOTE: 2
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In the Matter of the Filing of)
 Tariff Revisions, Designated as)
 TA135-120 and TA136-120, by)
 ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY)
 for Rates for Straight Line)
 Feature Telephones)

U-81-29
 ORDER NO. 1

the municipality
 Anchorage Alaska

[Signature]

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISION AND
 GRANTING INTERIM RATES

On March 25, 1981, ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY
 (ATU) filed two tariff revisions (TA135-120 and TA136-120) to
 add a nonrecurring charge of \$17.55 and a monthly rate of
 \$2.35 for straight line feature telephones (wall and desk
 models) to the rate schedules for three PBX systems: the
 Rolm CBX (Class H), Rolm SCBX (Class I), and SL-1 (Class J).

The filings were noticed to the public on April 2,
 1981, with a closing date of May 4, 1981, for the submission
 of statements in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed
 tariff revisions. On May 4, 1981, the Commission received a
 protest of the filings from Comtec, Inc. (Comtec), a company
 engaged in selling, installing, and maintaining telephone
 equipment, including PBX equipment.

Comtec states that it appears that the straight
 line feature telephone is a standard push button telephone
 that can be used in any residential home or with several
 other PBX systems in ATU's tariff. Comtec's protest in-
 cludes three specific charges, summarized below.

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Knowles	2/11	6/7	6/1/81
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STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall

In the Matter of the Filing of a)
 Tariff Revision, Designated as) U-81- 33
 TA139-120, by the MUNICIPALITY OF)
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELE-) ORDER NO. 1
 PHONE UTILITY To Change the)
 Conditions and Rates for Coin)
 Telephone Service)

ORDER SUSPENDING OPERATION OF TARIFF REVISION,
INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION, ESTABLISHING
DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBMISSION
OF PRE-FILED TESTIMONY

On April 17, 1981, the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY (ATU) filed a tariff revision, designated as TA139-120, which proposed changes to the conditions and rates for coin telephone service. The utility proposed to

- 1) increase the per message rate charges for public and semi-public coin telephone service from \$10¢ to \$20¢ per call;
- 2) increase the minimum monthly revenue required as a basis for continuing service at each location, ~~from two times the regular business line rate (local only) to three times the regular business line rate (local and toll);~~
- 3) increase installation charges for semi-public telephone enclosure/supports;

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STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall

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In the Matter of the Filing of
 a Tariff Revision, Designated as
 TA23-126, by the MUNICIPALITY OF
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE SEWER
 UTILITY for Consolidation of
 Service Areas and Permanent
 Reduction of Rates

U-81-36
 ORDER NO. 1

SS

In the Matter of the Filing of
 a Tariff Revision, Designated as
 TA20-126, by the MUNICIPALITY OF
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE SEWER
 UTILITY for a Rate Increase, in
 the Anchorage, Eagle River, and
 Girdwood-Alyeska Sewer Service
 Areas.

U-80-4
 ORDER NO. 10

SS
Permanent
Additional Rate

ORDER SUSPENDING SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION

On May 1, 1981, the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
 d/b/a ^{Anchorage} MUNICIPAL SEWER UTILITY (ASU) filed a tariff revision,
 designated as TA23-126, requesting the immediate permanent
 reduction ^{of} ~~in~~ rates for sewer service in the Eagle River
 Sewer Service Area (ERSSA) and the Girdwood-Alyeska Sewer
 Service Area (GASSA). ASU requested that customers in the
 ERSSA and GASSA be integrated into the appropriate rate
 schedule of the Anchorage Bowl Service Service Area (ABSSA) [?]
 (all that) ERSSA and GASSA rate schedules except for those
 based on meter ^{ed} water consumption be deleted [?] that definitions
 and other tariff references for Service Area 40 (ABSSA) and
 Service Area 50 (ERSSA) be deleted [?] and that a definition be
 added for the Anchorage Sewer Service Area (ASSA) as "that
 area established by Anchorage, Alaska, Ordinance 81-23....".

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COMMISSION ACTION

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683	OK	UG	6/16/81
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STAFF ACTION		
ACTION	INITIALS	DATE
Drafted by	W.D.	
Typed by	W.D.	5-28
Checked by	W.D.	6-15
Approved by	MCW	6/17

STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
Marvin R Weatherly
Susan M. Knowles

FINAL ORDER BY Stuart C. Hall & K. S. M.
 OK TO RELEASE TJM

In the Matter of the Application by the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE WATER UTILITY to Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 122 To Extend Its Service Area South Along Lake Otis Park way to O'Malley Road To Include Independence Park and Adjacent Lots

U-80-97

ORDER NO. 2

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

Ordering paragraph No. 2 in Order No. 1 of this proceeding required the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE WATER UTILITY (AWU) to file, within 60 days, tariff sheets describing the amendments to its authorized service area granted by the Commission. On May 20, 1981, AWU complied with this requirement.

The Commission finds that all outstanding procedural and substantive matters have been disposed of in the above-captioned proceeding, and that there are no costs to be allocated to the utility. Accordingly, this Docket should be closed.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS, That, Docket U-80-97 is closed.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 28th day of June, 1981.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

(Inu, not part.)

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COMMISSION ACTION

MRW 6/26/81
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STAFF ACTION		
ACTION	INITIALS	DATE
Order No.	MRW	6-20
Case	MCP	6-26
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STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
Marvin R. Weatherly
Susan M. Knowles
Stuart C. Hall

In the Matter of the Filing)
 of a Tariff Revision, Design-)
 ated as TA110-120, by the)
 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE)
 d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE)
 UTILITY for Rates and Con-)
 ditions for Exchange System)
 Used by Interexchange Ser-)
 vices.)

U-80-42

ORDER NO. 3

ORDER GRANTING TARIFF REVISION

On April 4, 1980, the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY (ATU) filed TA110-120 proposing rates and conditions for use of the utility's exchange system by interexchange services (ESIS).

The ESIS tariff offering provides unlimited local exchange service to users not located in the utility's service area. ESIS will apply to all services that have the capacity to utilize the local exchange system including, but not limited to, Foreign Exchange (FX), Common Control Switching Arrangements (CCSA), Off-Premise Extensions (OPX), Tie Lines (TL), and authorized MTS/WATS equivalent services provided by Other Common Carriers (OCC). ESIS will not apply to services, such as Message Telephone Service, that contribute, through the settlements process between the long lines carrier and the local exchange utility, to the financing of the cost of exchange facilities.

STAFF ACTION		
ACTION	FILE	DATE
Drafted by	MCP	7-7-81
Typed by	MCP	7-7-81
Checked by	MCP	7-7-81
Approved by	CAH	7-8-81
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STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall

In the Matter of the Filing of a)
 Tariff Revision, Designated as) U-80-42
 T110-120, by the MUNICIPALITY OF)
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELE-)
 PHONE UTILITY for Rates and Con-)
 ditions for Exchange System Used)
 by Interexchange Services)

ERRATA NOTICE

ORDER NO. 3

ORDER GRANTING TARIFF REVISION

(Issued June 26, 1981)

Page 10, line 10-1/2: Delete "Agreement" and Insert "for Inter-state Access".

Page 23, line 30: Add "CCSA \$ 99".

Page 26, line 13: Add "Common Control Switching Arrangements \$ 99".

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska this 8th day of July, 1981.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION
(Commissioner Susan M. Knowles, not participating.)

(S E A L)

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
 1108 MACKAY BUILDING
 338 DENALI STREET
 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501
 PHONE 276-0222

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Weatherly	OK	MWR	6/30/81
Guess	OK	CG	5/30/81
Knowles			
Hall	OK	SH	7/15/81

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Approved	7-10	MWR

STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall

In the Matter of the Filing of)
 a Tariff Revision, Designated as)
 TA26-121, by the MUNICIPALITY OF)
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a MUNICIPAL LIGHT &)
 POWER DEPARTMENT for an Interim)
 and Permanent Rate Increase)

U-80-100
 ORDER NO. 5

ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION PERIOD

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STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall

In the Matter of the Filing of a Special Contract between the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA d/b/a FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

U-78-85

ORDER NO. 6 ✓

JJA

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

The Commission finds that all outstanding procedural and substantive matters have been disposed of in the above-captioned proceeding and there are no allocable costs under AS 42.05.651 and 3 AAC 48.150(n)-(1). Accordingly, this Docket should be closed.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS, That, Docket U-78-85 is closed.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage Alaska, this ___ day of July, 1981.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Stuart C. Hall

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Guess	OK
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Hall	OK

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Typed by		5-31
Checked by		5-31
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STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

W/ misprints provided dissenting in rate file

Before Commissioners: Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman

Marvin R. Weatherly

Susan M. Knowles

Stuart C. Hall

FINAL CHECKED BY
OK TO SIGN 1-11-81
9/2/81

In the Matter of the Filing of)
a Tariff Revision, Designated as)
TA26-121, by the MUNICIPALITY OF)
ANCHORAGE d/b/a MUNICIPAL LIGHT &)
POWER DEPARTMENT for an Interim)
and Permanent Rate Increase)

U-80-100

ORDER NO. 6

ORDER AFFIRMING BENCH ORDER GRANTING
RATE INCREASE; ESTABLISHING REVENUE REQUIREMENT
AND REQUIRING COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY

On October 24, 1980, the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT (ML&P) filed a tariff revision, designated as TA26-121, requesting across-the-board interim and permanent rate increases of 23.31 percent (\$3,887,225 in additional revenues). Further, the filing requested that the utility be allowed to:

1. use a 1.406 proforma Debt Service Coverage (DSC) ratio which is based on maximum future debt service coverage;
2. implement a \$15 connection charge when permanent rate relief is granted. The connection charge reflects changes in the currently effective schedule of fees and charges and Tariff Rule 7.13. (ML&P Tariff Sheets 29, 42, 43 and 100); and
3. delete Rule 7.4 Primary Metering Discount. (ML&P Tariff Sheet No. 43).

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Referred to	OK or	Initials	Date
Guess	OK	CG	10/6/81
Weatherly	OK	MHW	10/6/81
Knowles	OK	SK	10-8-81
Hall	gnt		10-8-81
Snowden	OK	ES	10-8-81

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STATE OF ALASKA
THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
Marvin R. Weatherly
Susan M. Knowles
Stuart C. Hall
Diana E. Snowden

FILED IN 10-10-81

In the Matter of the Filing of a)
Tariff Revision, Designated as) U-81-19
TA129-120, by the MUNICIPALITY)
OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE) ORDER NO. 2
TELEPHONE UTILITY To Revise Line)
Extension and Unusual Construction)
Policies)

ORDER EXTENDING
SUSPENSION PERIOD

Order No. 1 in this proceeding dated April 13, 1981, suspended the operation of a tariff revision, designated as TA129-120, ^{billed} by the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY (ATU) for an initial six-month period not to extend beyond October 6, 1981, and instituted an investigation into the reasonableness and propriety of the revision.

On October 5, 1981, the Commission received a letter from ATU stating that "Pursuant to discussions between utility and Commission staff, ^{Staff} it is agreed to extend the time period for this particular filing by sixty (60) days."

^{Because} Since it appears that ^{the Commission} Staff and ATU are engaged in meaningful discussion which may lead to a satisfactory resolution of the issues in this proceeding, the Commission believes that the public interest would best be served by extending the suspension of TA129-120 for an additional ¹⁶⁰ ~~sixty (60)~~ day.

COMMISSION ACTION			
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Guess	OK	ML	10-27-81
Weatherly	OK	ML	10/27/81
Knowles	OK	ML	10-27-81
Hall	OK	ML	10-27-81
Snowden	OK	ML	10-29-81

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Approved by	ML	10-27-81

STATE OF ALASKA

THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
 Marvin R. Weatherly
 Susan M. Knowles
 Stuart C. Hall
 Diana E. Snowden

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In the Matter of the Filing of a
 Tariff Revision, designated as
 TA8-122, by the MUNICIPALITY OF
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE WATER
 UTILITY for a General Rate Increase)
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 In the Matter of the Filing of a
 Tariff Revision, Designated as
 TA22-122, by MUNICIPALITY OF
 ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE WATER
 UTILITY for an Interim and Per-
 manent Rate Increase)

U-76-66
 ORDER NO. 9

J-81-78
 ORDER NO. 1

ORDER SUSPENDING OPERATION OF TARIFF REVISION
GRANTING INTERIM RATE INCREASE CLOSING DOCKET
U-76-66 AND ALLOCATING COSTS.

On September 2, 1981, ^{the} MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE WATER UTILITY (AWU) filed a tariff revision, designated as TA22-122 requesting interim and permanent rate increases of 15 percent and 22.95 percent, respectively. The utility proposed that the rate increases be applied across-the-board to all recurring monthly charges for water sales. In addition, the rate increases would be applied to all non-recurring charges except deposits and initial fees for connection, permits and inspection. AWU has also requested that the private fire hydrant maintenance fee be deleted, its elimination having been overlooked in TA21-122.

The Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filing and has determined that it meets the requirements of 3 AAC 48.270 and 3 AAC 48.275(a). AWU has requested a waiver of 3 AAC 48.275(a)(8) since information relating to income taxes is inapplicable to a municipally owned utility.

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CROSS	011	WJ	10/30/81
Months		OK MW	10/30/81
Knowledge		OW SW	10-30-81
Hall	1	ML SLL	11/3/81
Snowden		OK DBS	11-3-81

November 4
October 27, 1981

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2 Mr. John W. Coyne
3 Assistant Municipal Attorney
4 Municipality of Anchorage
5 Pouch 6-650
6 Anchorage, Alaska 99502

7 Dear Mr. Coyne:

8 RE: The Application of the Municipality of Anchorage
9 For a Certificate of Public Convenience and
10 Necessity to Operate as a Public Utility
11 Furnishing Garbage, Refuse and Trash
12 Collection and Disposal Service

13 With recognition of the fact that Staff agreed that responses
14 to questions 3, 4 and 10 could be omitted and the request
15 for exemption, ^{by the Municipality of Anchorage} a review of the above referenced application
16 discloses that the application is ~~difficult~~ ^{deficient} or otherwise
17 incomplete in the following respects:

- 18 (1) The \$50.00 application fee required by AS 42.05.661 and
19 noted in instructional footnote 2 of the application
20 has not been paid.
- 21 (2) The service area description, Exhibit E, is not set
22 forth in township, range and section designations as
23 requested in instructional footnote 3 of the application.
- 24 (3) The proposed tariff included with the application is
25 not set forth in the format approved by the Commission,
26 as required by 3AAC 48.200 ^{3AAC} 48.430 and as noted
27 in instructional footnote 13 of the application.

28 In order that noticing of the application can be made and to
29 avoid any further unnecessary delay in the processing of the
30 application, you are requested to immediately remit the
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OF THE RELEASE

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
1100 MacKay Building - 338 Denali Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Phone 276-6222

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In the Matter of the Filing of a)
Tariff Revision, Designated as)
TAL39-120, by the MUNICIPALITY)
OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE)
TELEPHONE UTILITY To Change the)
Conditions and Rates for Coin)
Telephone Service)

U-81-33
ORDER NO. 2

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ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION PERIOD

Due to the workload and out-of-state commitments of the hearing panel in this proceeding, and the desire by the full Commission to address the social issues raised by the utility's request to increase the rates for public and semi-public telephone service from 10¢ to 20¢ per call, the Commission will extend the suspension period in this docket until March 1, 1982.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS, That, the operation of the tariff revision designated as TAL39-120, filed by the Municipality of Anchorage d/b/a Anchorage Telephone Utility, is

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URGENT - PRIORITY
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In the Matter of the Filing of a
 Tariff Revision, Designated as
 TA139-120, by the MUNICIPALITY
 OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE
 TELEPHONE UTILITY To Change the
 Conditions and Rates for Coin
 Telephone Service)

U-81-33
 ORDER NO. 2

ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION PERIOD, -REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, - AUTHORIZING CUSTOMER SERVICES SURVEY

On August 11, 1981, the Commission convened in public hearing in its Anchorage office to take public testimony and consider the evidence concerning the tariff revision, designated as TA139-120, filed by MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY (ATU) which proposed changes in the conditions and rates for coin telephone service. Among other matters, the

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THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Carolyn S. Guess, Chairman
Marvin R. Weatherly
Susan M. Knowles
Stuart C. Hall

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In the Matter of the Filing of a Tariff Revision, Designated as TA20-126, by the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE SEWER UTILITY for a Permanent General Sewer Rate Increase in the Anchorage, Eagle River, and Girdwood-Alyeska Sewer Service Areas

U-80-4

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In the Matter of the Filing of a Tariff Revision, Designated as TA23-126, by the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE SEWER UTILITY for Consolidation of Service Areas and Permanent Reduction of Rates

U-81-36

ERRATA NOTICE

ORDER NO. 10 and 1
~~ORDER NO. 1~~

ORDER SUSPENDING SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION AND APPROVING PERMANENT RATE REDUCTIONS
(Issued June 15, 1981)

Passes before Finance

- Line 13, page 2: *Delete parenthesis around word "opposed"*
Change "(opposed)" to "opposed".
- Line 22, page 3: Change "iself" to "itself".
- Line 22, page 4: Change "in" to "on".
- Line 28, page 5: Change "tha" to "the".

"opposed"

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 16th day of June, 1981.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

(Commissioner K. R. P.)

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p. 4, line 6: change "inappropriate" to "unappropriate"

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Guess	OK	CSG	1-26-82
Weatherly	OK	MWU	1-20-82
Knowles			
Hall			1-28-82
Snowden	OK	DES	1-28-82

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STATE OF ALASKA
THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

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In the Matter of the Filing of a)
Tariff Revision, Designated as)
TA148-120, by the MUNICIPALITY OF)
ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE)
UTILITY To Change the Rate Structure)
for the Provision of Basic Telephone)
Instruments)

U-81-46
ORDER NO. 2 *SS*

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Insert (A)
(See P. 4)

On June 16, 1981, the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE d/b/a ANCHORAGE TELEPHONE UTILITY (ATU) filed a tariff revision, designated as TA148-120, requesting a change in rates and rate structure to separate billing charges between service access lines and telephone instruments. ATU stated that this was necessitated by recent Federal Communications Commission ^(FCC) actions.

ATU's present tariff provides for basic local business or residence service which includes the first or main telephone instrument at no additional charge. An additional charge is assessed for each extension connected to the basic local service. In TA148-120, ATU proposed to eliminate the extension charge, but proposed to charge the customer for each instrument (including the main instrument) provided by the utility. ATU asserted that elimination of extension service charges and implementation of

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

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Commissioners: Zerbetz
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AGENDA January 9, 1981
(DATE)

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
47-45	Nushagak Electric Cooperative, Inc.	2/9	Power Production Cost Assistance Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
6-210	Burton Carver & Co., Inc. (Homer)	1/27	Roll-off truck service Staff recommendation: Rejection	Suspended and grant interim w/Comms. Guess & Knowles dissenting
7-215	Burton Carver & Co., Inc. (Hope)	1/27	Roll-off truck service Staff recommendation: Rejection	Suspended and grant interim w/Comms. Guess & Knowles dissenting
			Staff recommendation:	
			Staff recommendation:	
44-3	General Telephone Company of Alaska	1/19	Unbundle mileage charge for station in off-premises extensions Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

NO. 271

AGENDA January 9, 1981
(DATE)

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
25-120	Anchorage Telephone Utility	1/9	Grandfather Key Systems 1 and 2 Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
41-25	Sitka Telephone Company	1/16	Rule Change re Wording on Billing Form Staff recommendation: Approval	Suspend unless waiver of 45 days received
42-25	Sitka Telephone Company	1/16	Billing Form Change Staff recommendation: Approval	Suspend unless waiver of 45 days received
84-19	Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	1/19	One Party Service in Eagle River Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved w/notice in next bill that this will take effect on the next bill
86-19	Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	2/5	Correction of Typographical Error Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
13-96	Bettles Light & Power	1/13	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

NO. 272

AGENDA January 9, 1981
(DATE)

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
10-230	Amfac Foods	1/16	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
32-63	Fort Yukon Utilities	1/19	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
63-16	Kodiak Electric Assoc., Inc.	1/20	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment - Port Lions Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
64-16	Kodiak Electric Assoc., Inc.	1/20	Power Production Assistance - Port Lions Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
99-1	Alaska Electric Light & Power	1/26	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
11-24	Pelican Utility Company (Electric)	1/30	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval of a .42¢/KWH Surcharge	Approved Unanimously

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

NO. 273

AGENDA January 9, 1981
(DATE)

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
53-2	Alaska Power & Telephone (Skagway)	1/19	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
154-2	Alaska Power & Telephone (Hydaburg)	1/19	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
155-2	Alaska Power & Telephone (Tok)	1/19	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
156-2	Alaska Power & Telephone (Craig)	1/19	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
41-88	Northern Power & Engineering	1/26	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
U-80-26	Yakutat Power, Inc.	--	Compliance with order Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

No. 274

AGENDA January 9, 1981
(DATE)

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
U-80-44	Nushagak Electric Cooperative, Inc..	--	Compliance with order Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
U-80-75	Interior Telephone Company, Inc.	--	Compliance with order Staff recommendation: Approval	Hold for revision
			Staff recommendation:	
			Staff recommendation:	
			Staff recommendation:	
		--	Staff recommendation:	

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

NO. 275

AGENDA January 23, 1981
(DATE)

Comms. Zerbetz
Weatherly
Guess
Hall

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
TA 18-22	Naknek Electric Association, Inc.	2/19	Power Production Assistance Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
U-80-84	College Utilities Corporation (Sewer)	1/26	Emergency Interim Rate Increase Staff recommendation: Suspension	Approved Unanimously
U-80-85	College Utilities Corporation (Water)	1/26	Emergency Interim Rate Increase Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
42	McGahan Utilities, Inc.	1/26	Permanent Rate Increase Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
85-19	Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	1/26	Custom Calling Service in Wasilla Staff recommendation: Approval with 3/1/82 Expiration date	Approved Unanimously
87-19	Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	2/5	Correction of error Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously

COMMISSION TARIFF ACTION MEETING

NO. 276

AGENDA January 23, 1981
(DATE)

TA NO.	UTILITY NAME	45 day	SUBJECT MATTER AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
125-120 Sup. 1	Anchorage Telephone Utility	1/9	Grandfather Key Systems 1 and 2 Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
45-3 46-3	General Telephone Company of Alaska	1/29 2/9	MITEL SX-100 and SX-200 Rates Paging and Intercommunicating Equipment and Emergency Reporting Service Rates Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously
40-43	Bethel Utilities Corporation	1/31	Delinquent Account Charge of 5 percent Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Permanently Unanimously
(-1	Alaska Electric Light and Power.	2/2	Pole Contact Agreement Staff recommendation: Approval	HOLD
156-15	Juneau & Douglas Telephone Company	2/2	Handling Charge for Delinquent Accounts Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved w/stipulation Unanimously
11-230	Amfac Foods, Inc.	2/23	Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment Staff recommendation: Approval	Approved Unanimously