



RESOLUTION NO. 2055

SUBJECT: EKLUTNA HYDRO PROJECT STUDY TIMELINE

WHEREAS, the Eklutna Hydro project is joint owned and operated by Matanuska Electric Association (MEA), Chugach Electric Association (Chugach) and Anchorage Municipal Light and Power (ML&P); and

WHEREAS, MEA owns 16.67% of the Eklutna Hydro project, Chugach owns 30% and ML&P owns 53.33% with a portion of ML&P's share allocated to the municipal-owned Anchorage Waste Water Utility to supply drinking water to the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, MEA's generation portfolio includes 10% renewable energy in an effort to reduce the use of natural gas, with almost all of that renewal energy currently sourced from hydropower; and

WHEREAS, 70% of MEA's members indicated they want more renewable power on the MEA system; and

WHEREAS, the Eklutna Hydro project provides a portion of that renewable power for the benefit of our members and typically provides the least expensive power on the Railbelt; and

WHEREAS, MEA and its partners are contractually obligated to study and develop a proposed Fish and Wildlife program to address the impacts of the Eklutna Hydro project to fish and wildlife, while considering impacts on electric usage, drinking water, recreation use, and other land use issues, pursuant to the 1991 Fish and Wildlife agreement and starting with the development of a Study Plan no later than October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Eklutna Hydro project is located within the MEA service territory and any fish and wildlife impacts directly affect our members and partners; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly passed a resolution to join others in urging the Eklutna Hydro partners to initiate the consultation process for the studies early; and

WHEREAS, MEA is committed to working with the Municipality of Anchorage, the State of Alaska, the federal government and their associated agencies that are Parties in the agreement along with our members and partners in the native community of Eklutna to balance community needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors supports MEA management to work with the parties listed in this resolution and the Agreement to advance the schedule and begin the Study Plan process, consistent with the requirements set forth in the Agreement dated August 7, 1991.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Matanuska Electric Association, Inc., this 8th day of October 2018.



DAVID GLINES
PRESIDENT

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



ROBERT DOYLE
SECRETARY/TREASURER