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Good morning and thank you for taking the time to review my comment. I am a voting Chugach Electric member and homeowner in Anchorage.

With dwindling natural gas supplies, rising electricity costs, a warming planet, and hundreds of undammed rivers across this state, it's incredulous to me to think that we're seriously considering removing a reliable source of renewable energy from our electricity portfolio.

I generally support the Anchorage Assembly, but do not on this topic. I grew up in Washington State which has 80%+ of its power coming from renewable energy AND has some of the lowest power costs in the nation. It is because of its hydroelectric resources that it can accomplish is.

Furthermore, the Municipality has a Climate Action Plan that has been sitting on a shelf, collecting dust, not being acted on or taken seriously while the Assembly and Mayor squabble over homelessness. I find it offensive that our "progressive" elected leadership is taking time and effort to weigh in on this issue without offering any reasonable alternatives AND acting upon them.

It feels to me like this yet another example of "playing politics." Let's return the salmon to the stream without removing the dam. Let's build more dams that do not block salmon runs. And let's quit burning fossil fuels. Real leadership would accomplish this.

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