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THE POWER COMPANIES WANT YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WE MUST SACRIFICE SALMON TO SAVE THE PLANET. THAT IS A FALSE CHOICE.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE HYDROPOWER THAT DOES NOT KILL SALMON. THAT MEANS GIVING THEM ENOUGH WATER AND ALLOWING THEM TO REACH THEIR SPAWNING GROUNDS. THE PLAN PROPOSED BY THE POWER COMPANIES AT EKLUTNA FAILS ON BOTH COUNTS. THE POWER COMPANIES PROPOSE TO DELIVER A TRICKLE OF WATER VIA A SPIGOT THAT CREATES A DEAD-END RIVER, LEAVES A DRY RIVERBED FOR ONE MILE, AND REQUIRES SALMON TO WALK TO THEIR SPAWNING GROUNDS IN EKLUTNA LAKE. THE POWER COMPANIES' PLAN ALSO WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE ANCHORAGE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM.

THE ORIGINAL IMPACT, 93 YEARS AGO, WAS THE LOSS OF A SOCKEYE SALMON RUN TO EKLUTNA LAKE. THE RETURN OF THAT SOCKEYE RUN WOULD BE A BOON TO SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA. BUT IF WE LET THE POWER COMPANIES HAVE THEIR WAY NOW WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE FOR 35 MORE YEARS.

THE POWER COMPANIES ARE PEDDLING FEAR OF CLIMATE CHAOS, DWINDLING GAS SUPPLIES AND RISING ELECTRIC RATES. ALASKANS ARE SMART ENOUGH TO SEE THROUGH THIS SMOKESCREEN.

RATHER THAN RUSH TO SPEND \$60 MILLION NOW TO BUILD A FLAWED AND RISKY GUTTER THAT KILLS SALMON, WE PROPOSE WAITING TO DO THE JOB RIGHT ONCE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES COME ON-LINE TO REPLACE EKLUTNA HYDRO. THEIR PLAN WOULD REDUCE EKLUTNA HYDROPOWER NOW, RAISE YOUR RATES NOW AND FAIL TO HELP SALMON. OUR PLAN WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON RENEWABLE ENERGY, HAVE NO IMPACT ON RATEPAYERS, AND WOULD RESTORE THE EKLUTNA RIVER AND ITS SALMON.

SALMON ARE THE ULTIMATE RENEWABLE RESOURCE IN ALASKA. IF WE GET OUT OF THEIR WAY, THEY KEEP COMING BACK TO US.