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To whom it may concern:

We are opposed to any reduction in water for Eklutna hydroelectric power generation or Municipal Water Supply for the following reasons:

1. The cost of electricity impacts the cost of virtually everything.
2. The cost of electricity is already extremely high in Southcentral Alaska.
3. The Eklutna hydroelectric power plant generates some of the lowest cost energy if not the lowest cost electric energy in Southcentral Alaska.
4. Reducing the amount of water to the Eklutna hydroelectric power generation will only increase the cost of electricity even more which will lead to higher costs for heat, lighting, refrigeration, goods and services, housing and other essentials which will lead to higher population out-migration, higher poverty, higher homelessness and higher taxes.
5. Creating a new fishery is a pipe-dream based upon the dismal salmon returns to the existing Little and Big Susitna River drainages which are unable to reach escapement goals even with sport fishing closures.
6. With the Eklutna River drainage being on mostly, if not all, private land, any fishery is doomed to create more conflict.
7. Reducing the amount of water for the Municipal Water Supply will only increase utility bills which will also lead to higher population out-migration, higher homelessness and higher taxes.

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