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Dear Owners of The Eklutna Hydroelectric Project,

Chugach Electric & Owners of The Eklutna Hydroelectric Project;

Re: Eklutna Creek Restoration

Having witnessed Eklutna Lake rise and fall significantly over the sixty years+ of my residency in Anchorage, I appreciate that the electric output of that hydroelectric system has been important. It represents the least expensive electric source currently available, however the effort to maximize output has resulted in the sacrifice of a once vital fishery and the complex web of the Eklutna Lake's once healthy ecosystem.

Power can continue to be extracted even with surface out flow, enough to permit spawning salmon to return to Eklutna Lake. With investments in wind & solar power plus high head (drilling can be done with great accuracy these days) other small but reliable sources could add to the generation infrastructure portfolio. In short, Eklutna electricity does not need to be maximized but, instead can supply more in line with the natural varying rates of run-off into the lake. Keeping that lake full has too many benefits to ignore!

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