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Dear CEA representative,

Please find my comments on the CEA Eklutna Hydro Valve Proposal below.

Thank you for considering my comments.

-Daniel Powers

Anchorage residents should not consider removing the Eklutna Lake Dam until there is 1) dedicated redundant water supply infrastructure from Eklutna Lake to the Municipality of Anchorage and 2) its 40MW of electrical generation is replaced with alternative renewable power through public private partnerships.

I believe the Chugach Electric Association, the Municipality of Anchorage and State government cannot commit to tearing out a critical piece of infrastructure that supplies fresh water to the largest population center in Alaska without back-up plans in place.

Anchorage and Matanuska Susitna residents need clear answers on three questions before any demolition of the Eklutna Dam should be considered:

1. What would it cost to replace 40MW of hydro power with available renewable power?
2. How would replacing 40MW of hydro with wind or solar change the reliability of the power for the utility in terms of rolling reserve?
3. How can we justify eliminating existing reliable renewable energy considering our commitments to global emission reductions?