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Greetings,

As a retired Civil Engineer who previously worked on hydroelectric projects in Alaska including the Snettisham project that serves Juneau, I strongly encourage you to keep the Eklutna project.

Electricity from hydroelectric projects is some of the most cost effective and reliable electricity available. It is also very flexible in responding to peak demands which other forms of renewable energy are unable to do. The idea of replacing reliable Eklutna electricity with unreliable and much more expensive sources like solar or wind defies logic, especially when there is a push for renewable energy. I would encourage you to watch the Michael Moore documentary movie, Planet of the Humans available on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk11vl-7czE> which documents many of the problems with other forms of renewable energy.

The availability of our other reliable energy source, natural gas is becoming scarce due to limitations on future drilling and remains uncertain. Unless this trend is reversed, we may find ourselves with no reasonable alternatives to power Alaska's future.

As much as I like fish, removing the Eklutna Dam at this time, with no reliable replacement defies all logic; Therefore, I strongly encourage you to keep the Eklutna project intact.

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