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Hello,

I am in support of any solution or infrastructure build out that would minimize impacts to the existing electric generation and water supply for Anchorage.

my reasoning is that for close to 100 years (i.e. multiple human generations) the location has been adapted to act as a minor recreation site as well as function as a core piece of infrastructure for roughly 40% of the state.

More importantly, that major 40% of the state is also facing a looming energy crisis with natural gas shortages on the near horizon. The main solutions to that crisis have been a push for renewable energy; which eklutna hydro is. To remove a major source of reliable, clean energy in the face of a natural gas shortage would be economically, environmentally, and logistically irresponsible.

Thank you,

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