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Of all of the ongoing discussion on this issue one item has been left undisclosed to the Taxpayers and Ratepayers of the Municipality of Anchorage by all parties involved. This concerns how those arguing for the removal of the Eklutna Dam have not informed the AWWU Ratepayers that the Anchorage Assembly will replace the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in the setting of their rates charged.

This fact has been published in an article dated January 31st in the Alaska Landmine and also January 19th in Must Read Alaska authored by myself of which I now also submit as part of these comments.

During the sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric I testified to the RCA concerning how this aspect of the sale was not being disclosed to the voters by both the MOA and CEA. The RCA addressed this issue on Page 70 – (lines 14-19) - in Order Number 39 of Docket Number U-19-020 which approved the sale of ML&P to CEA in which the RCA stated ...

"Based on the finding that MHP – (Municipal Hydro Power) – will be competing with other electric operating entities and public utilities under the MEA PPA, we also find that MHP is fully regulated under AS 42.05 pursuant to the AS 42.05.711(b)(2) exception to the exemption from regulation granted by AS 42.05.711(b). With this finding, and contrary to the expectation of the MOA, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility will remain subject to regulation under AS 42.05 pursuant to AS 42.50.711(b)(2)."

As none of the parties now in this current issue have disclosed this aspect as part of their fiducial responsibilities the question I asked of the RCA in my testimony concerning the sale of ML&P repeats itself.

What else is involved in this issue that Chugach Electric, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Assembly and Matanuska Electric Association are not telling us about.

Thank you for taking the time to review these comments.

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