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I attended the January 18 public meeting, read the 1991 Agreement, and reviewed the documents at eklutnahydro.com.

My focus is on the requirement of the 1991 Agreement ". . . to ensure that Eklutna and Snettisham are best adapted for power generation and other public uses . . ." The greatest public benefit is for continued power generation and water supply, which benefit all residents of the area. Affordable and reliable utilities are essential to the local economy and quality of life. Although some people are calling for the restoration of sockeye, "the protection, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of fish and wildlife (including related spawning grounds and habitat)" is just one of eight purposes to be given equal consideration in the Fish and Wildlife Program.

The project owners' proposed program both improves the utility infrastructure and enhances fish habitat at a reasonable cost. As both an MEA customer and an Anchorage taxpayer, I care about project cost. It is easy for those who are neither ratepayers nor taxpayers to propose idealized projects at no cost to themselves.

I believe the owners' proposal fully meets the requirements of the 1991 Agreement, and encourage Governor Dunleavy to approve it.

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