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My name is Susan Hillman. I have been a member of Matanuska Electric Association for over 20 years. I firmly believe that taking out the dam is not beneficial to this area of Alaska. The population of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough would be harmed if the dam were destroyed. Anchorage would lose its water source, and our electric rates would rise because of the removal of the dam. Currently, the Eklutna Dam is a base-load, scaleable, and carbon neutral carbon source. We must think of how much pollution will occur if the dam is destroyed.

I understand that the Eklutna Tribe, population of 70 members, wants to remove the dam in order to restore fish migration to the river. The dam was constructed between 1927 and 1929, and its main purpose is to provide hydroelectric power to the city of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. To me, it seems unlikely that the fish migration will return after so many years. So, for the greater good, leaving the dam in place would better serve the larger population of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough as a water and electric source.

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