

Introduced by: Council Member Hippler  
Date: August 24, 2010  
Action:  
Vote:

*CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

**Resolution # 10-41**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BETHEL REQUESTING THAT ITS STATE  
LEGISLATORS ENACT LEGISLATION TO DIRECT THE RCA TO INCENTIVIZE  
UTILITIES TO LOWER THEIR COSTS OF OPERATION**

**WHEREAS**, the cost of producing electricity in rural Alaska is very high;

**WHEREAS**, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) controls the rates that private and public utilities may charge consumers of utilities;

**WHEREAS**, the RCA allows utilities to base rates on a 'cost-plus' basis;

**WHEREAS**, due to the nature of the way in which utilities can charge for electricity, there is little incentive for utilities to lower their costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bethel request that its state legislators enact legislation to direct the RCA to incentivize utilities to lower their costs of operation.

**ENACTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2010 BY A VOTE OF \_ IN FAVOR AND \_  
OPPOSED.**

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Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk