

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: July 1, 2013
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 13-12

SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO TRANSFER BETHEL UTILITIES CORPORATION'S CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 43 TO THE ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

WHEREAS, Bethel Utilities Corporation (BUC) and Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AVEC) filed a joint application on June 11, 2013 with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to transfer BUC's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 43 to AVEC for the provision of electric public utility service in the area of Bethel, Alaska;

WHEREAS, AVEC is seeking to purchase the assets of BUC, including the electric power plant and distribution network used in its electric utility operations;

WHEREAS, according to the Notice of Joint Application of Utility Transfer, "if the application is approved as filed, AVEC will retain BUC's base rate structure, but plans to reduce those rates by approximately 9.5%;"

WHEREAS, reduced electricity rates in Bethel will have an immediate positive economic impact on businesses, non-profit organizations operating in Bethel, and personal residences;

WHEREAS, AVEC's willingness to reconnect five City buildings to receive recovered heat from the electrical power plant would save the City money and provide heat source security with heating oil as the secondary source;

WHEREAS, AVEC, as a non-profit electric utility cooperative started in 1968 and owned by the people it serves in 55 Alaskan villages, has an organization structure that appeals to the Bethel City Council;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethel City Council strongly recommends Regulatory Commission of Alaska approval for the transfer of BUC's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 43 to AVEC and is fully supportive of AVEC's purchase of BUC's assets used in electric utility operations in Bethel, Alaska.

ENACTED THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE 2013 BY A VOTE OF ___ IN FAVOR AND ___ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk