

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #14-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALASKA GRID PROJECT A HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT GRID FOR ALASKA

WHEREAS, high energy costs have been plaguing most of Alaska for many years and with increases to fuel prices inevitable, the residents of this region are expected to face greater hardships in the future if a solution is not implemented;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council recognizes and is thankful for the State of Alaska's assistance through the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Program which paid more than \$3 Million to residents of Bethel alone in FY2012;

WHEREAS, efforts are being made to develop an Alaska Grid utilizing very efficient high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission lines that will provide power to communities and commercial operations throughout the state;

WHEREAS, a large scale power plant utilizing stranded North Slope natural gas would be the primary source of grid power, but transmission access would foster development of large scale renewable projects as well;

WHEREAS, upon completion of this project predicted costs for electricity in the Y-K area would be a fraction of what they are currently, likely eliminating the need for the PCE Program;

WHEREAS, Alaskans across the state deserve access to abundant, affordable energy and to the jobs that are currently being exported along with our unprocessed natural resources, and it is time that the state seriously considers this long-term sustainable solution to preserve our future and provide incentive for future development;

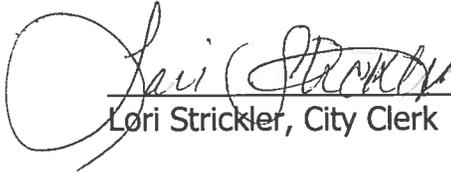
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council is in strong support to the continued development of the Alaska Grid Project which will allow for a lower cost of living to residents of our region and throughout the state.

Introduced by: Council Member Whitney
Introduction Date: January 14, 2014
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

**ENACTED THIS 14 DAY OF JANUARY 2014, BY A VOTE OF 0 IN FAVOR AND 6
OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk