

HAINES BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 09-01-149

**Adopted**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly recognizing the need for a new, cost-effective, environmentally appropriate, reliable, and renewable source of electric power for citizens of the Haines Borough, and supporting the efforts of Alaska Power & Telephone, Inc. (AP&T) to develop a project to address this need.**

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough is committed to replacing fossil fuel-based energy production wherever and whenever possible with energy produced reliably, efficiently and at a reasonable cost from renewable sources, and

WHEREAS, at a January 20, 2009 meeting, the Haines Borough Energy Sustainability Commission recommended that the Assembly support efforts by AP&T to secure funding to do additional design and data gathering for hydro electric sources including but not limited to Connelly Lake and Schube Lake to help inform the public process prior to permitting, and

WHEREAS, electricity has the potential to replace petroleum products as the energy resource used for home heating and transportation, and

WHEREAS, current hydro-electric power production infrastructure is inadequate to provide for present demand for power, and therefore cannot meet potential increased demand for low cost electric power to support new or expanded uses such as heat, transportation, and industrial/commercial growth, and

WHEREAS, the demand for electric power in the Upper Lynn Canal has periodically exhausted the installed capacity of the existing hydroelectric generating system during the fall, winter, and spring months, forcing the utility to generate power with diesel generation equipment, resulting in higher rates for customers, and

WHEREAS, AP&T proposes to investigate, permit, design, and construct a hydroelectric facility in the most viable and appropriate site in Upper Lynn Canal area, to address the energy needs of the area, and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough Assembly acknowledges there are risks to any ecosystem in the vicinity of planned projects for developing new energy resources, and

WHEREAS, AP&T has a long history of constructing hydroelectric plants in Southeast Alaska while simultaneously providing for the protection of the ecosystem within which the hydroelectric plant is located;

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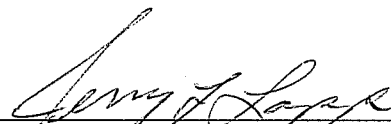
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Haines Borough Assembly recognizes the need for increased electric power generation from a renewable resource in the Upper Lynn Canal, and it endorses the concept of creating new hydro-electric capacity in the region;


**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Haines Borough Assembly supports the investigation, study, conceptual design, and initial permitting of any potential projects by AP&T or others which can be shown to provide reliable, cost effective, renewable energy in a manner which does not adversely impact local rate payers, the local economy, the watershed ecosystems, or the traditional uses of the area;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Haines Borough Assembly has an interest in participating as a partner in any power generation project that would promote and ensure the lowest possible rates for its citizens, provide for the greatest reliability and future growth, and create potential for the Borough to realize revenue from the sale of excess power to commercial users.

ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OF THE HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA, THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

  
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Jerry LAPP, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk

