

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) TRANSMISSION SYSTEM TO INTERCONNECT HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS AND COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

Resolution 07-06

WHEREAS, Southeastern Alaska needs an economical means of bringing abundant hydroelectric power to isolated, remote communities such as Hoonah, Kake and Angoon; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Alaska has thousands of megawatts of potential hydropower that can be used both locally and exported for sale to the contiguous 48 states; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern hydroelectric power will be less expensive than comparable power generated by thermal plants, and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, fostering development of Southeastern's hydroelectric power resources will help to reduce national imports of foreign oil, reducing our nation's negative balance of payments and strengthening the national economy; and

WHEREAS, the development of hydroelectric power in Southeastern Alaska will provide local jobs during construction, operation, and income in perpetuity. AND, will help ameliorate the loss of jobs caused by timber harvest restrictions; and

WHEREAS, a HVDC transmission system using new technology has been proposed that will be less expensive and more energy efficient than alternatives, and will be technically superior to AC or other HVDC systems for overland and underwater cable interties, thereby making Southeastern renewable energy more available to the residents and to the United States as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Southeast Conference supports the analysis and development of this new HVDC technology and asks that the federal government and State of Alaska and their agencies support for this program.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 at Ketchikan, Alaska.

Witnessed by:



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