

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERCONNECTION FROM SOUTHEAST ALASKA INTO BRITISH COLUMBIA (ALASKA/BC INTERTIE) AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROELECTRIC RESOURCES IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Resolution 07-07

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has tremendous hydroelectric potential with many projects already developed and online supplying renewable hydro power to several Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, although many of the region's major communities are served by hydroelectric facilities, there are several communities including Kake, Angoon, and Hoonah, that depend upon expensive diesel generation to meet their power requirements; and

WHEREAS, the lack of transmission infrastructure interconnecting Southeast Alaskan communities severely limits the ability of all communities to enjoy the benefits of renewable hydroelectric power; and

WHEREAS, because of the lack of transmission lines within the region, Southeast Alaska's untapped hydro potential cannot be developed; and

WHEREAS, the transmission system in British Columbia is considering expanding and could be moving closer to the Alaska/British Columbia border near the existing Tyee Lake hydro project south of Wrangell; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature appropriated \$3.2 million dollars to study and analyze the potential of interconnecting Southeast Alaska with British Columbia and the North American transmission grid; and

WHEREAS, this interconnection, known as the Alaska/BC Intertie, would allow the delivery of power that is surplus to the needs of Southeast Alaska to be exported into British Columbia and the North American grid; and

WHEREAS, if surplus power could be delivered over the Alaska/BC Intertie to markets in British Columbia and the "lower 48," major hydroelectric projects such as the Thomas Bay projects near Petersburg could be developed; and

WHEREAS, the development of hydro projects in Southeast Alaska would also necessitate the development of transmission infrastructure benefiting the region's communities; and

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WHEREAS, the interconnection from Southeast Alaska into British Columbia should be designed at sufficient capacity to transmit 200 megawatts of power from Southeast Alaska to the North American grid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference supports the development of the Alaska/BC Intertie interconnecting Southeast Alaska with British Columbia with sufficient capacity to transmit 200 MW of power and also supports the development of the region's hydroelectric potential including the Thomas Bay projects near Petersburg.

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

Witnessed by:



Carol Rushmore
President

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