

# Lake Dorothy

## The Cost of Generation

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# Challenges to developing new hydro resources

- Timing
- Permitting
- Design
- Financing
- Construction
- Customer acceptance
- Regulatory approval



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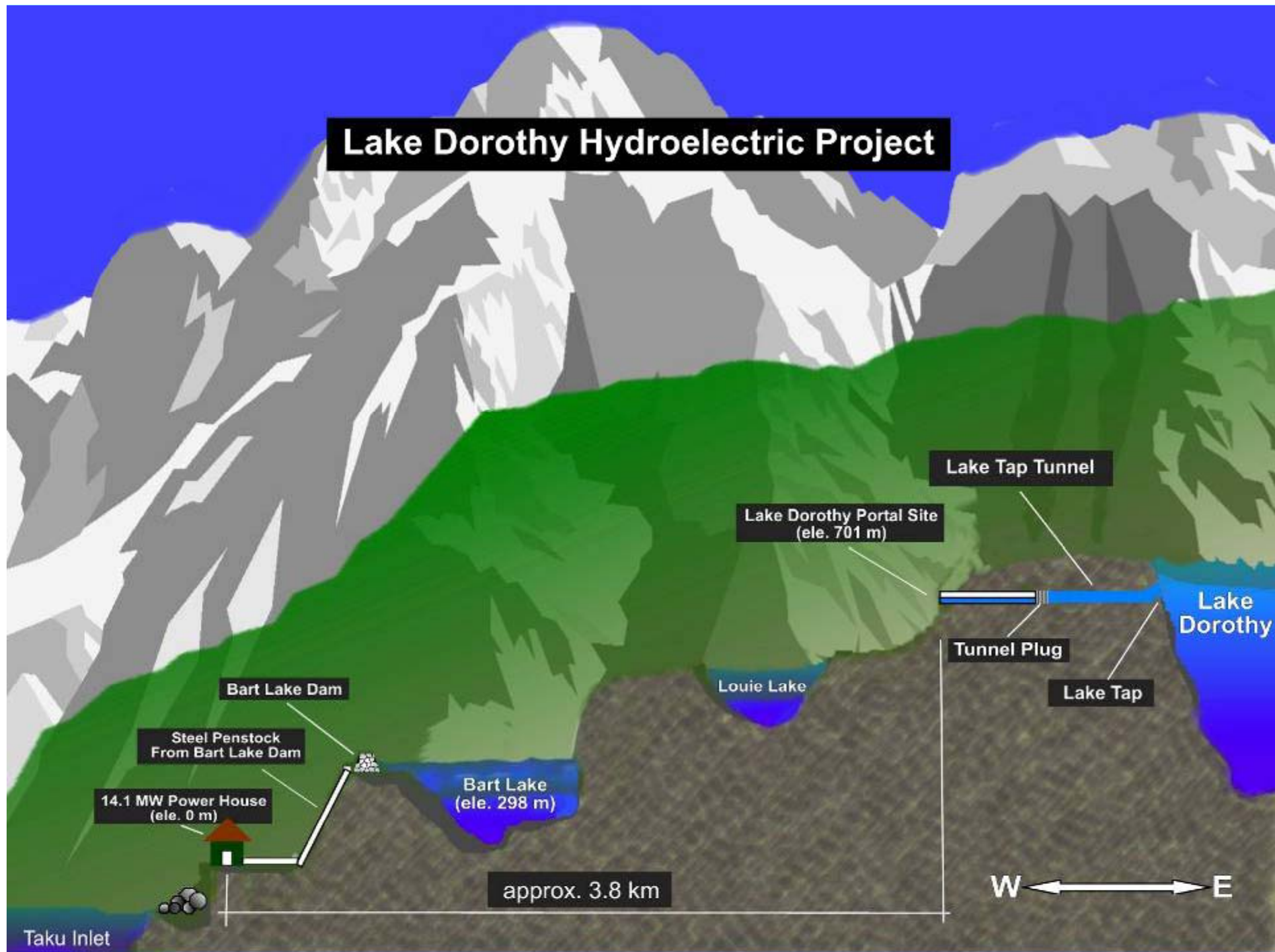


# Lake Dorothy Hydro





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## Project history

- **1996** – 1st Preliminary permit submitted
- **1999** – 2nd Preliminary permit submitted with revised scope
- **2001** - Draft License Application and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment filed with FERC and agencies
- **2002** – Final license application and draft environmental assessment Filed
- **2002** - FERC issued final environment assessment (EA)for agency and public comment.
- December 24, **2003** – FERC License Order Issued
- May **2006** – With final design complete, financing in place construction began
- **August 2009 – Project on line**



# Phase I Development

- Power Tunnel and Lake Tap
- Bart Lake Diversion Dam.
- 1.8 Mile Access Road from Powerhouse Site at Tidewater to Bart Lake
- 8400' of 60" Diameter Penstock from Bart Lake to Powerhouse Site.
- Powerhouse/Turbine/Generator
- Shop and Maintenance Crew Quarters
- Substation and switch yard
- 3.5 miles of overhead transmission line
- 15 MW
- 75 GWH
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# Lake Dorothy Lake Tap & Tunneling Project



Lake Dorothy



## Lake Dorothy Portal on July 25, 2009





## Tunnel Plug – June 27, 2008









## Tapping the Lake – August 19, 2008



The Trigger  
Man





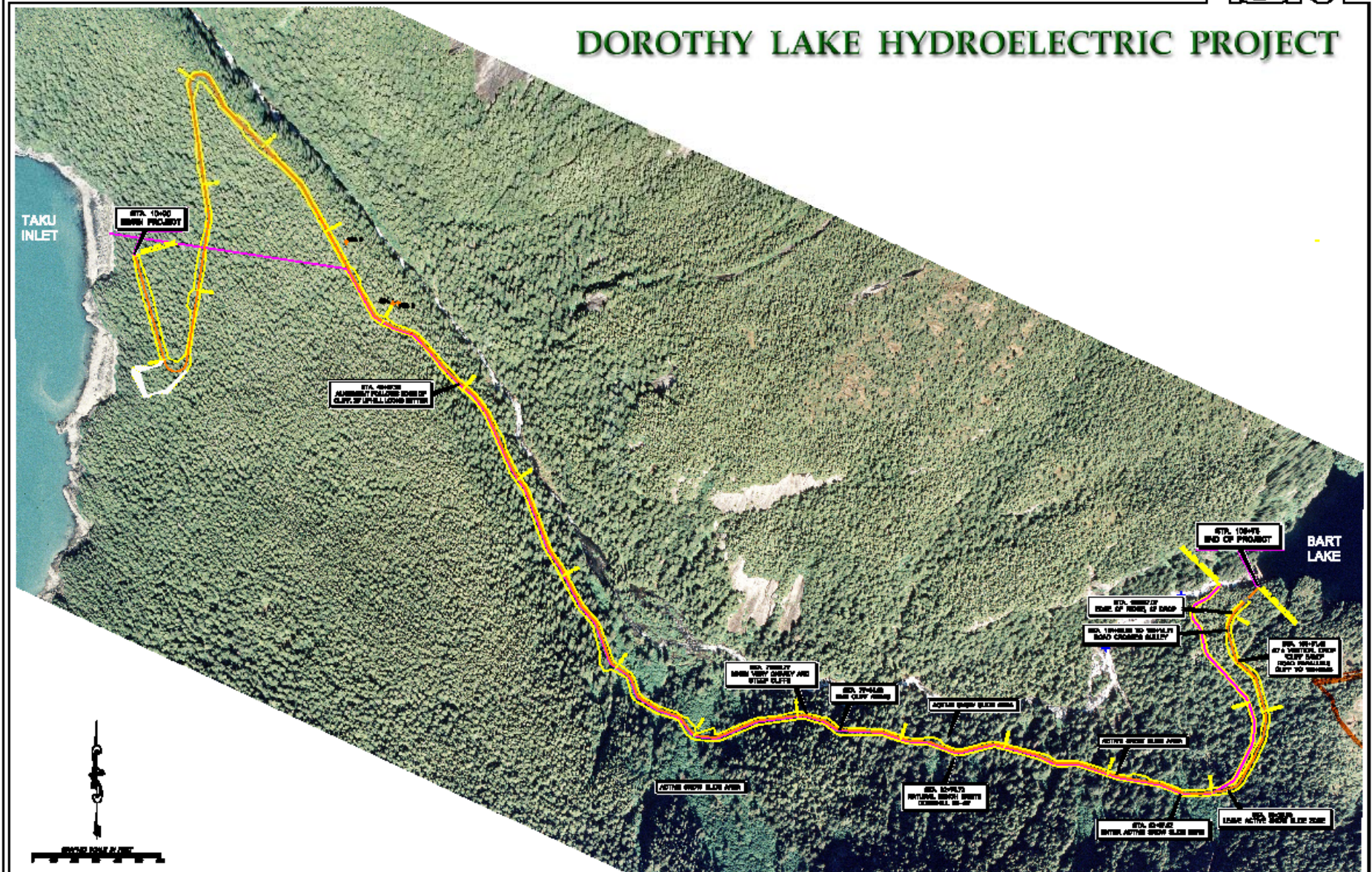


## A Look Inside the Portal on July 28, 2009





# Access Road and Penstock





## Access Road Construction – 2007 (working from tidewater to Bart Lake)











## An On-The-Ground Look of the Access Road – August 2008





## May 4, 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> Shipment of Penstock Pipe Arrives







## The Valve Vault – August 18, 2008

Note: MK174, Baker Disassembly Joint, 60" Valve and MK173 in Place









## Penstock Trench Work – June 21, 2008



## Penstock Install Along Road – October 16, 2008

(Installing MK167)





## View of the Penstock Pipe Staged along the Access Road



- Bart Lake Dam



## Installed Siphons – November 10, 2008





## Bart Lake – November 18, 2008





May 28, 2009 – Pouring the Last of the Bart Lake Dam Face Slabs



## Bart Lake Dam - August 2009





# Powerhouse Foundation and Building Erection

## Powerhouse Site – March 25, 2008





## Powerhouse Site – June 25, 2008





## Powerhouse Site – August 23, 2008





## Powerhouse Site – October 18, 2008



# Turbine & Generator



## Turbine Set, Manifold Set, Branch Pipes Installed – Feb. 19, 2009



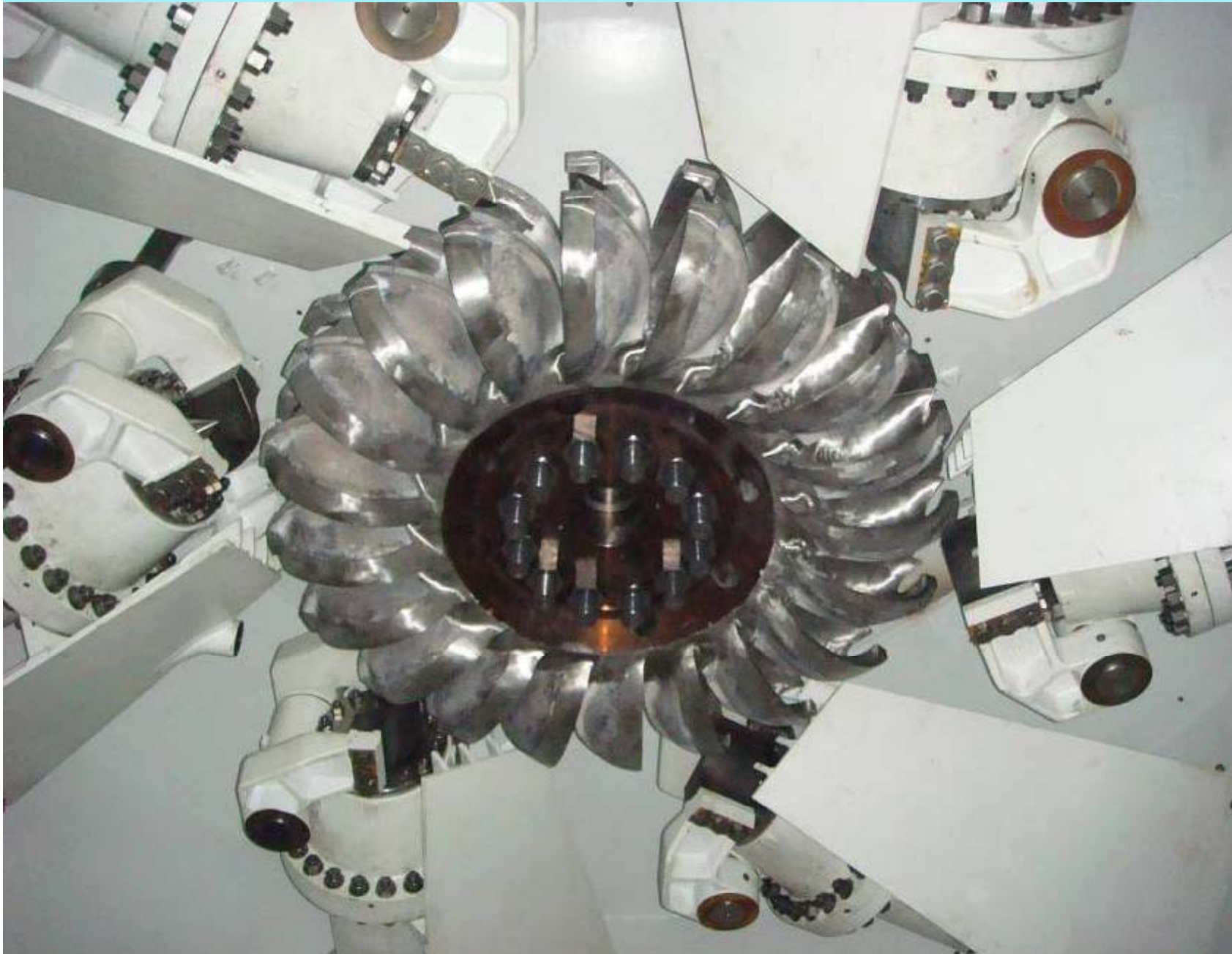


## 15.3 MW Bart Lake Generator Final Assembly & Test at Factory





June 24, 2009 – The Runner is “Home”



August 31, 2009 – Commercially Operational!!!





# Bart Lake Substation & Transmission Line

# The Bart Lake Substation Complete & Back Energized from Snettisham T-line - October 27, 2008









## T-Line Structure Site Clearing – August 1, 2008





## Snapshot of Blast Along T-Line



## Typical Structure Sites





## The Bell 214 Getting Ready to Lift a Pole from the Barge



## Heavy Lifts Moving Equipment and Poles





## Flying in a Crossarm and Crews Working on Assembly



## High Time for the Lineman

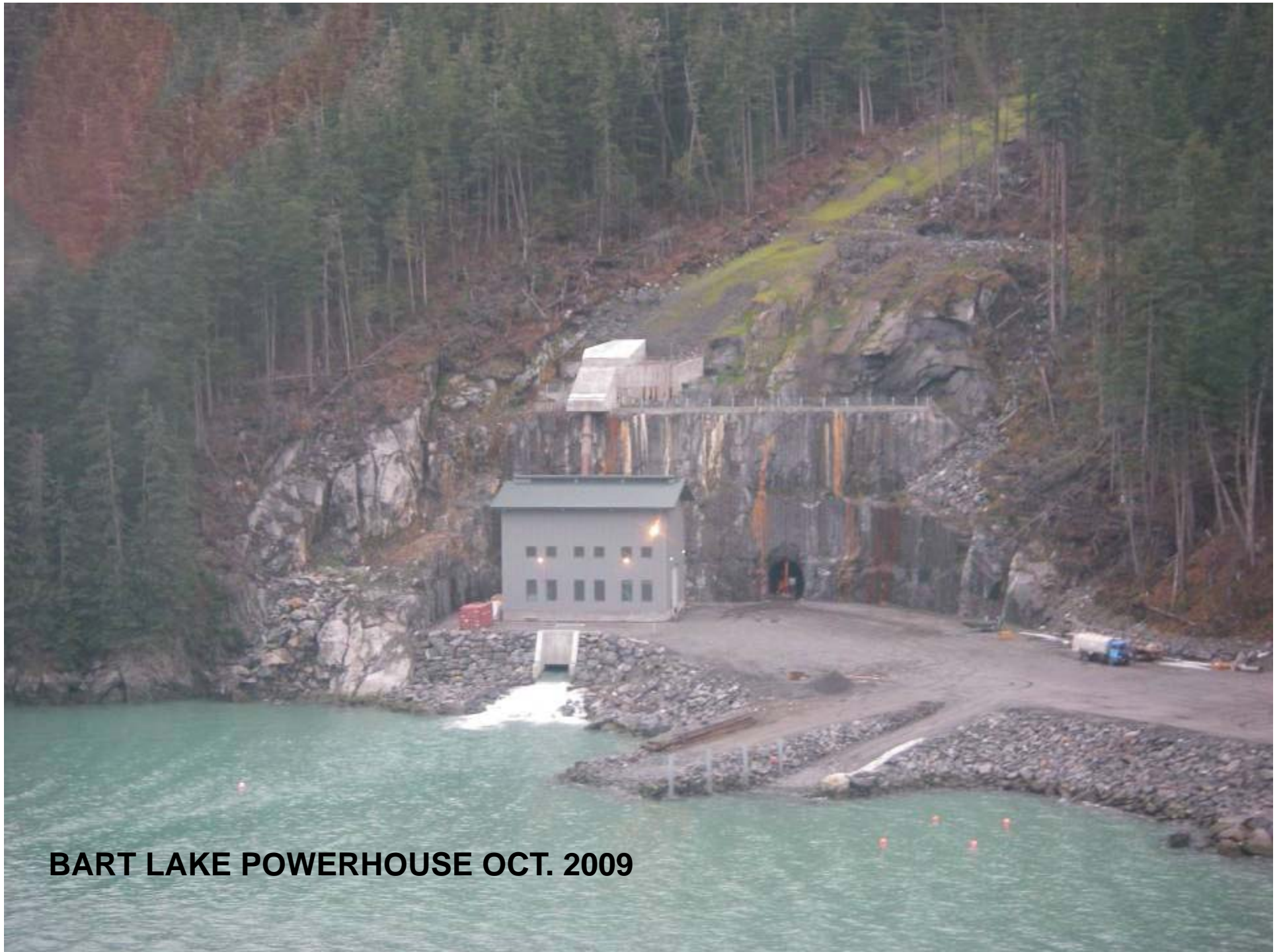




## Lake Dorothy Breaker - East Terminal - Lower Yard Complete



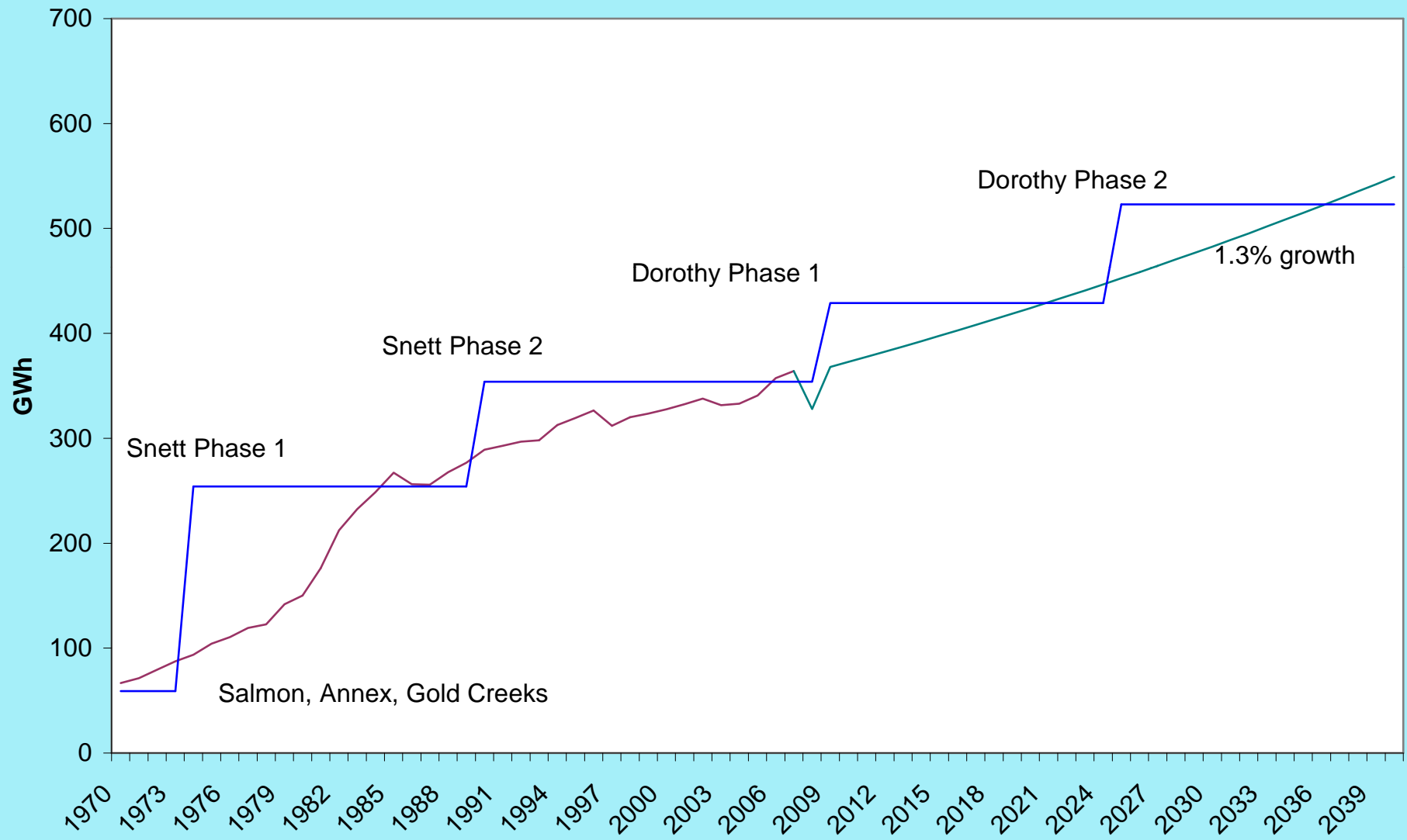




**BART LAKE POWERHOUSE OCT. 2009**



## Juneau Area Energy

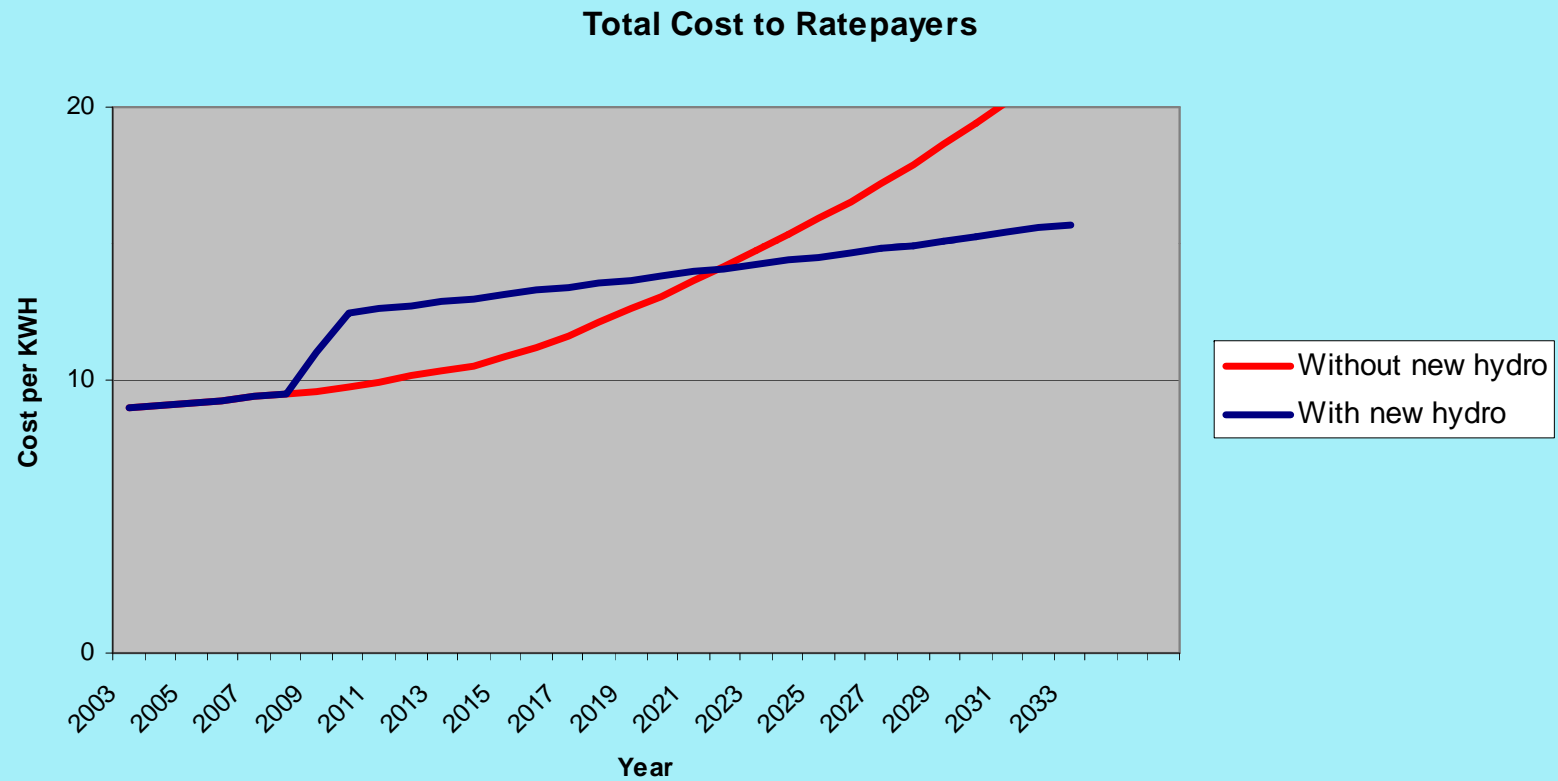


**“Hydro projects inflate until you build them”**

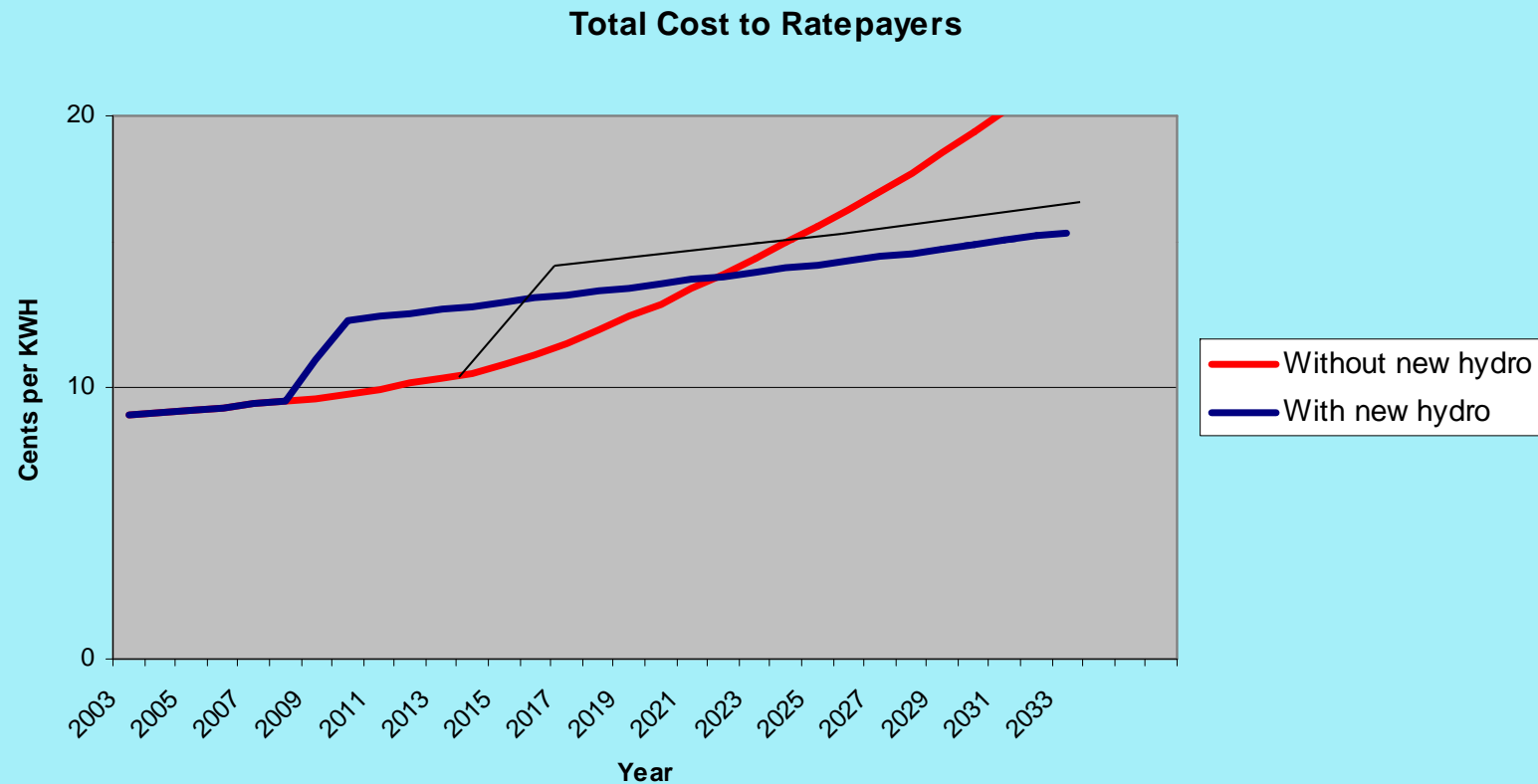
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# Rate impact illustration

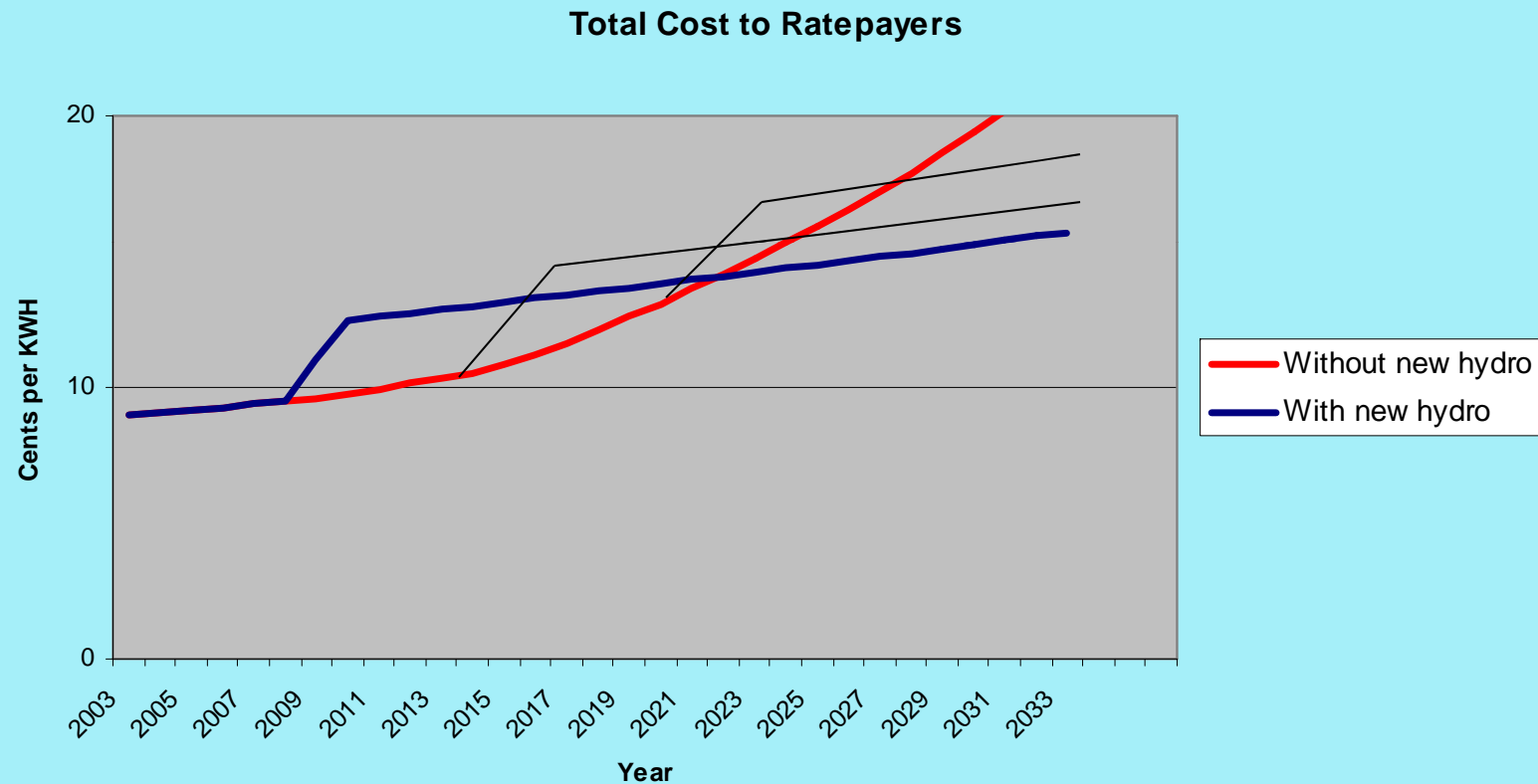


# Rate impact illustration delayed construction





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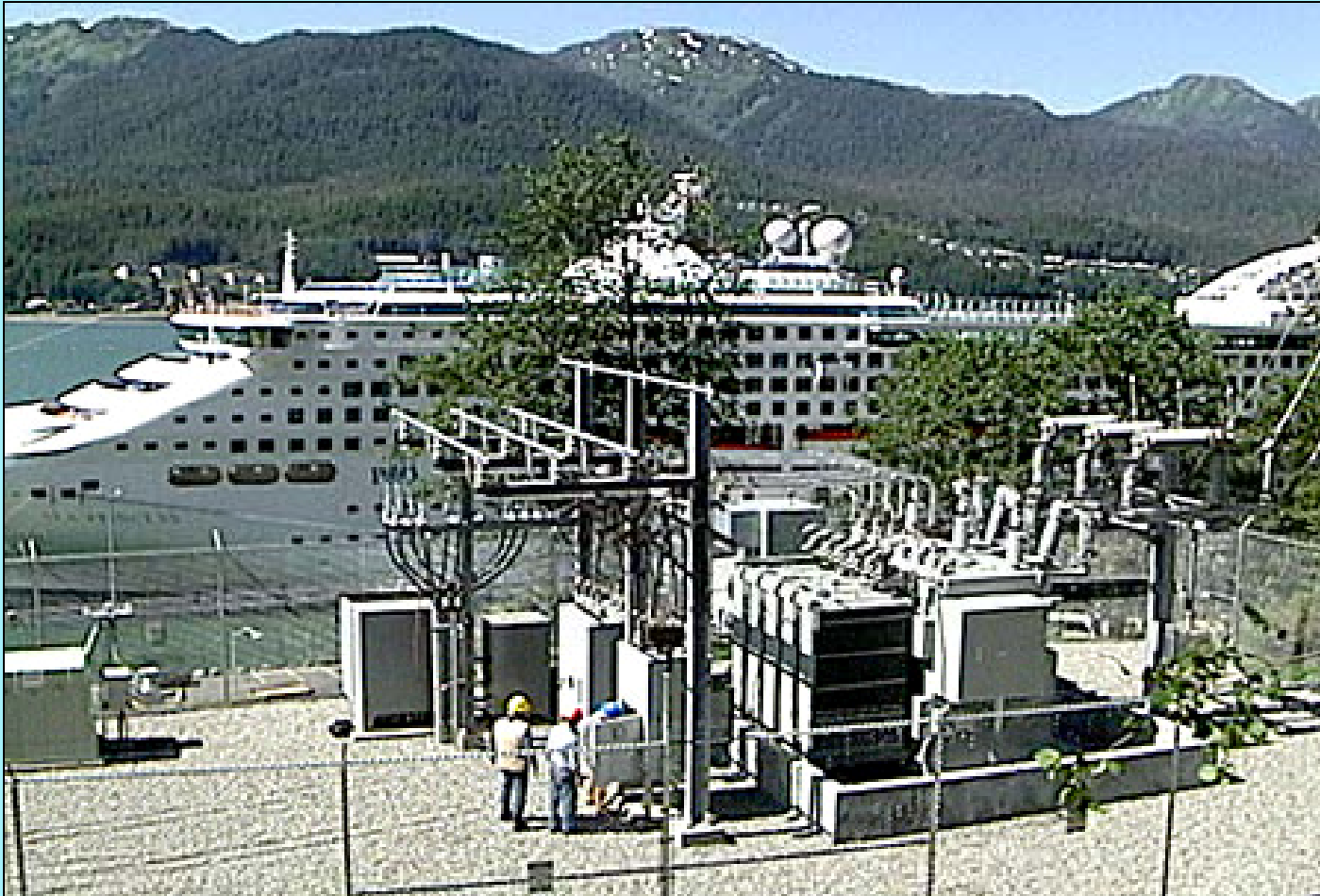


# The Importance of Surplus Hydro Energy

- Provides the lowest energy rates over time
- Available for load growth
- Provides rate stability
- Enables incentive rates
- Avoid diesel use during dry years



## The importance of surplus energy sales



Surplus sales  
benefit others

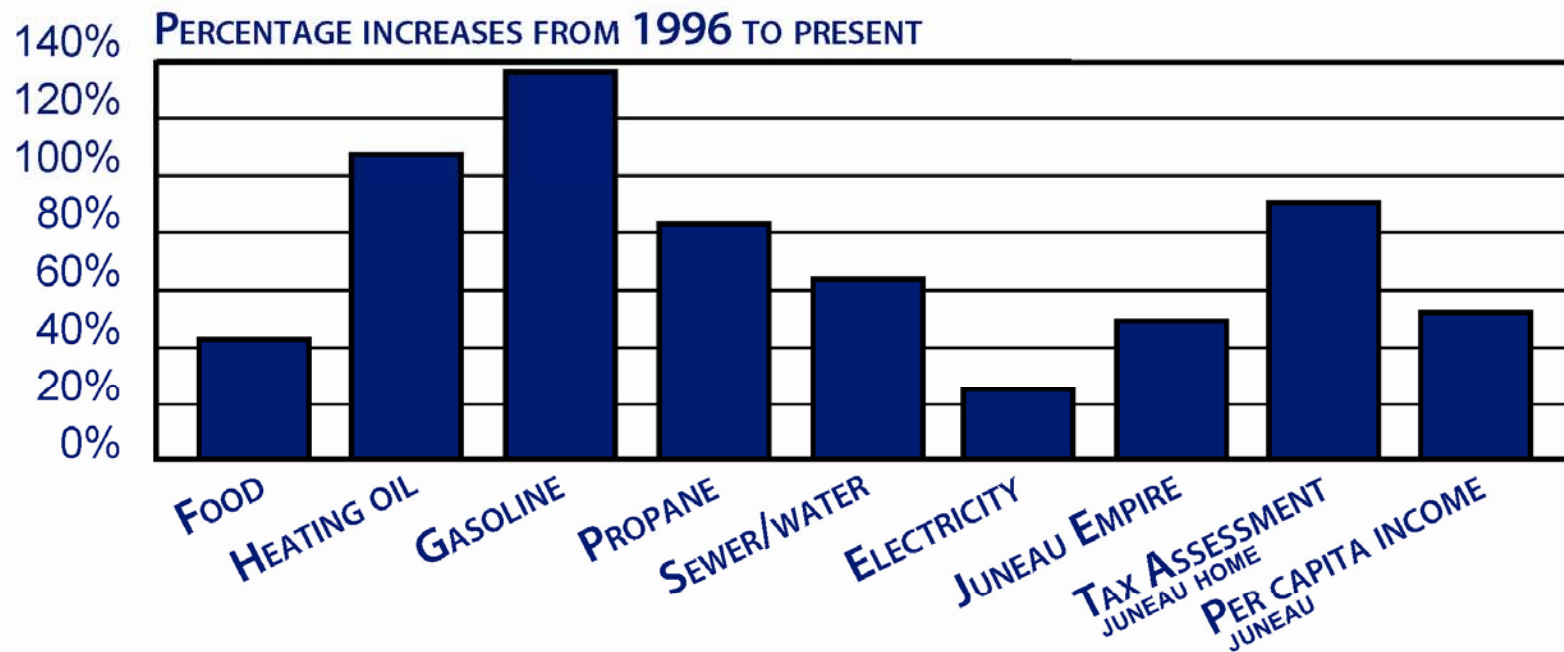
**Princess Cruises Shore Power Facility**

Hydro project comparison  
In 2009 dollars  
Inflation based on Handy – Whitman Index

Project	Completion Year	Actual Cost	Actual Cost (2009 \$)	\$/MWh (2009 \$)
Terror Lake (IDC)	1984	\$ 234,000,000	\$ 470,758,213	\$ 4,024
Falls Creek	2009	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 2,563
Solomon Gulch	1981	\$ 69,000,000	\$ 119,055,219	\$ 2,560
Snettisham 1 (Long Lake)	1973	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 416,037,600	\$ 2,134
Swan Lake (IDC)	1984	\$ 96,171,483	\$ 165,937,927	\$ 2,074
Tyee (IDC)	1984	\$ 128,691,456	\$ 258,899,828	\$ 1,992
Bradley Lake (IDC)	1991	\$ 328,000,000	\$ 565,943,650	\$ 1,530
Snettisham 2 (Crater Lake)	1989	\$ 65,000,000	\$ 113,815,000	\$ 1,084
Kasidaya	2008	\$ 11,200,000	\$ 11,536,000	\$ 1,049
Lake Dorothy	2009	\$ 78,520,419	\$ 78,520,419	\$ 1,047
Black Bear	1995	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 16,353,679	\$ 737
Goat Lake	1997	\$ 10,100,000	\$ 14,737,583	\$ 733
South Fork	2005	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 4,428,478	\$ 692



# Price increase in Juneau over the past 15 years



**Source:** UAF Cooperative Extension Service food Cost Survey, [www.uaf.edu/ces/fcs](http://www.uaf.edu/ces/fcs).

Food cost based on family of 4, children 6-11. Survey measures same commodity amounts each year since 1996 for many Alaska locations. December data was used through 2009. Juneau's current electricity price based on peak season rate, including 18.5% interim rate adjustment.