

The background of the slide features a stylized map of Alaska in a light blue-grey tone. Overlaid on this map are several black silhouettes of utility poles and power lines. One pole is prominent in the center-left, with multiple lines extending across the frame. Another pole is visible on the right side. In the bottom-left corner, there is a silhouette of a coniferous tree. The overall color palette is monochromatic, consisting of various shades of blue, grey, and black.

ALASKA POWER ASSOCIATION

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ASSISTS MEMBERS IN
ACCOMPLISHING THEIR
GOALS OF DELIVERING
ELECTRIC ENERGY AND
OTHER SERVICES AT THE BEST
VALUE TO THEIR CONSUMERS.

APA SOUTHEAST MEMBERSHIP

- Southeast Alaska Power Agency
 - Trey Acteson, CEO
- Inside Passage Electric Cooperative
 - Jodi Mitchell, CEO/General Manager
- Alaska Electric Light & Power
 - Connie Hulbert, President and CEO
- Alaska Power & Telephone Company
 - Michael Garrett, President and CEO
- Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (Yakutat)
 - Meera Kohler, President and CEO
- Metlakatla Power & Light
 - John Cameron, Interim General Manager



INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- *Renewables:* APA members are continually integrating economically feasible renewables from both utility-owned and IPP assets.
- *Investments in cybersecurity:* cyber threats have increased and APA members are making significant investments in protection and prevention.
- *Rates:* APA members work to hold rates down by negotiating reasonable fuel contracts, diversifying generation sources, and taking advantage of new tech.
- *Technology:* Many APA members switching to AMI (“smart meter”) to improve operational efficiencies, increase consumer control, and lower costs. Battery development and renewable technology advancing rapidly.



APA supports:

- Renewables: Support for continued deployment of economically feasible renewable energy and policies that remove roadblocks to successful renewable integration.
- Regulations: Protect Alaska's ratepayers and economy from increased rates due to government regulations and penalties.
- Funding: Innovating utility-state financing models for funding hydro and other electric project development
- Preserving the Power Cost Equalization Endowment and funding the PCE program
- Railbelt utilities continuing their voluntary efforts to implement efficiencies

- **HB 8: Liability of an excavator**

- Amends statute dealing with liability for damaging underground facilities.
- Excavator would be exempt from civil penalty if:
 - All “reasonable” steps to locate the facility and to contact the facility operator are taken.
- Bill exempts excavator from civil damages under above scenario.
- Civil damages do not include personal injury.
- APA does not feel the bill is necessary and could have unintended consequences.



POWER COST EQUALIZATION

- Rumors abound on The Hill about what might come of the PCE Endowment Fund.
- The endowment is used to fund PCE program so GF appropriations are not relied upon.
 - It also spins off excess revenue –after PCE is funded – for community revenue sharing and AEA grant programs per SB 196 (passed in 2016).
- PCE is crucial for rural Alaskans in high-cost markets while utilities work to bring down the cost of power.
- If you are from a PCE community, it is important to communicate the essential nature of the program to your legislators.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

- Hydropower licensing reform
 - Support Congressional bills reforming hydropower licensing
 - 2018 – American’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018
 - Included: extension of timeline to commence construction by 8 years
 - Authorized FERC to issue a preliminary permit for hydro construction for up to four years instead of three
 - Meetings with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - FERC adopted a 40 year licensing term for hydroelectric in 2017
 - Roadless Rule
 - APA wrote the U.S. Forest Service to advocate for a complete Alaska exemption from the Roadless Rule.





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