



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's Southeast Members

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

Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

- ◆ Jodi Mitchell, CEO/General Manager

Metlakatla Power & Light

- ◆ John Cameron, Interim General Manager

Southeast Alaska Power Agency

- ◆ Trey Acteson, CEO

Southeast Conference

- ◆ Robert Venables, Executive Director





Industry outlook

- ◆ *Renewables:* APA members are continually integrating economically feasible renewables from both utility-owned and IPP assets.
 - ◆ Hydropower is very important for stable energy rates and supply.
- ◆ *Investments in cybersecurity:* cyber threats have increased, and APA members are making significant investments in protection and prevention, including taking part in exercises with federal agencies.
- ◆ *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.
- ◆ *Funding:* Government grants are largely not available anymore for projects. Electric utilities must shoulder increased financial burden and risk.

APA SUPPORTS

- Funding for the Renewable Energy Fund and for continued deployment of economically feasible renewable energy.
- Preserving the Power Cost Equalization Endowment, using the Endowment only for its statutory purpose, and for funding the PCE program in FY 2021.

ROADLESS RULE

- APA supports full exemption.
- APA filed comments with USDA in December.
- Urged our membership to provide comments as well.
- Authored opinion piece in Anchorage Daily News.
- APA thanks Trey Acteson of SEAPA and Robert Venables of the Southeast Conference for serving on the Citizen Advisory Committee.

SB 143 – Smart Meter Legislation

- ◇ Sponsored by Sen. Tom Begich, D-Anchorage
- ◇ Bill establishes a range of requirements on utilities, including:
 - ◇ Allowing a customer to not have a smart meter installed or electing to have a smart meter removed;
 - ◇ Electric utilities cannot be exempted from the requirements of SB 143, per the bill's language.
 - ◇ Giving RCA power to set the maximum surcharge a utility may charge a customer who has a smart meter removed or not installed;
 - ◇ Non-disclosure of customer energy use data

Power Cost Equalization

- ◆ Gov's FY21 draft budget funds PCE from Endowment (as opposed to the General Fund) and makes no change to Endowment.
- ◆ Talk of legislation to protect PCE Endowment from being swept into Constitutional Budget Reserve.
- ◆ APA will continue educating legislators on the PCE Endowment and program regardless of what's in the budget.

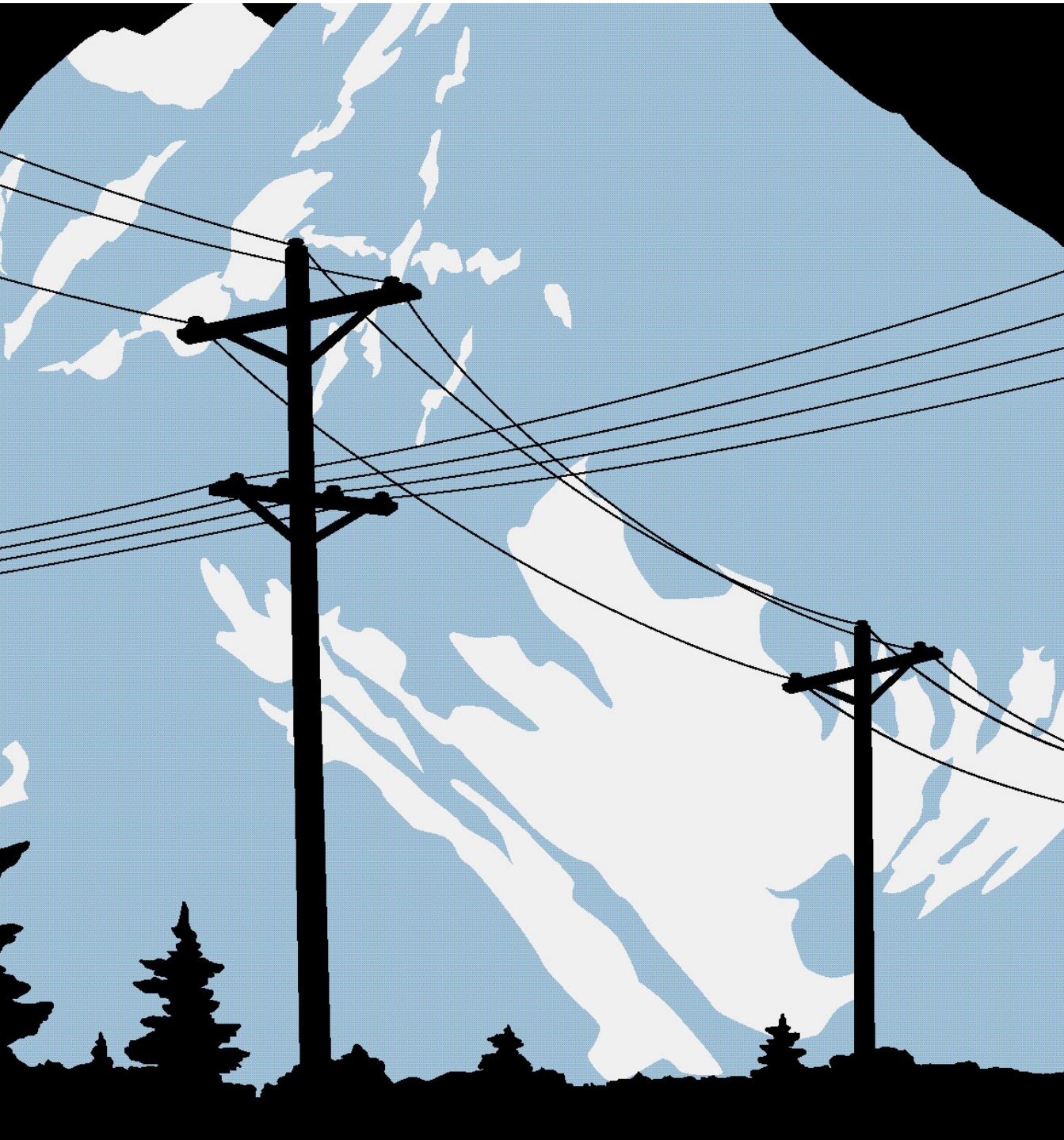
Federal Legislation and Regulations

◆ Successes:

- ◆ Passage of the RURAL ACT – included in federal spending bill. Fixed consequence of 2017 tax law that threatened non-profit status of electric cooperatives. Alaska's Congressional Delegation co-sponsored this legislation.
- ◆ Alaska Remote Generator Act – Sen. Dan Sullivan's bill required EPA to revise air emissions standards on 2014 or later model remote diesel generators. Passed Congress last year. EPA issued final rule fall of 2019.

◆ Ongoing:

- ◆ Tribal Energy Reauthorization Act – Sen. Lisa Murkowski - Addresses Indian land requirements for energy project grants; allows non-profit electric cooperatives to apply for OIE funding, among other items.



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