

June 22, 2020

Re: Geothermal Opportunity

Dear Unalaska City Council, City Manager, and whom it may concern,

As a long-term resident of Unalaska, I am in support of the geothermal power project proposed by the Ounalashka Corporation and Chena Power (OCCP, LLC) at Makushin Volcano to the City of Unalaska. This is the type of project that the residents of Unalaska have long been proponents because of its potential to lessen our use of fossil fuels. This will mean a decrease in detrimental emissions to the atmosphere and will bring energy costs down for residents. It can also be utilized by commercial customers for savings and to help in their goals of decreasing their environmental footprints to as close to zero as possible.

As you well know, any development of the geothermal resource, as well as installation and distribution of clean energy, is a critical foundation for taking action to reduce emissions. It has the possibility of generating new industries in Unalaska which has been a major point of discussion for the past 35 years due to our reliance on one major industry which casts us as a prisoner to the rise and fall of fish stocks, environmental catastrophes, and possible poor fishing practices. Geothermal power can also provide the community with enhanced electrical production which can increase energy security.

I certainly hope that the City will take the opportunity to participate in this practical and environmentally friendly project that will bring the City onboard in declaring that our environment takes a front seat in our vision of community physical and monetary health. OC, through its joint venture with Chena Power, is presenting the City of Unalaska with an opportunity to participate in this historic moment and is also willing to finance the project and accept the associated risks.

I encourage the City of Unalaska to formalize an agreement with OC and Chena Power.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,



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