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Applications Now Available for Juneau Unplugged – Temporary Avalanche-Related Electric Bill Payment Help for Lower Income Households

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Juneau Unplugged, a City-funded, privately-administered program to provide temporary avalanche-related electric bill payment assistance for lower income households, announces that applications for the program are now available for distribution. Kevin Ritchie, program administrator, said “we are taking comments and questions on the application and the program. This is new territory for Juneau, and we recognize that we will likely have to make changes as we go along. We look forward to working together with Juneau residents as we all gain experience over the next few weeks and months.”

Juneau residents will be able to speak with representatives from Juneau Unplugged this Saturday at the Mendenhall Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the energy forum “Re-energizing Juneau: A Community-wide Forum on Energy.”

Applications will be accepted after May 16, when the high avalanche-related rates go into effect. In the meantime, eligible households should review the application and get the income verification information ready to submit when they get their next electric bill after May 16th. Residents may obtain applications through the City’s website (www.juneau.org) and they will soon be available at various locations around Juneau including Catholic Community Service offices (419 Sixth Street), public libraries, and City Hall. A copy of the application and FAQs is attached to this release.

The program is funded by the City and Borough of Juneau and administered by United Way of Southeast Alaska and Catholic Community Service.

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