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Mr. Robert Pickett, Chair
Regulatory Commission of Alaska
701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99501-3469

Re: TA381-1, AEL&P Rate Filing

Dear Chairman Pickett:

As representatives of the community of Juneau, we request the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to hold a public hearing on the recent request by Alaska Electric Light and Power Company for approval of electrical rate adjustments.

Many of our constituents have questions about the proposed rate increase. There is a great deal of confusion over how the proposal treats homes and small businesses relative to large industrial consumers.

The opportunity to address government decision makers responsible for approving or modifying electricity rates will lead to better communication and a more open public process. As you know, Juneau had the unfortunate experience of two severe avalanches in recent years that led to immediate and steep rate adjustments. These changes caused a great deal of fear and consternation among all Juneau residents.

Making the effort needed to provide the community the opportunity to directly address the RCA and to become more educated about the proposal will lead to a better outcome. We urge your consideration of this request, and we appreciate your work on behalf of Alaska's citizens.

Sincerely,

Sen. Dennis Egan

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