

## **Chugach 2005 legislative agenda update**

**January 12, 2005**

### **Local**

- Revised MOA underground ordinance
  - Through P&Z with a recommendation for Assembly approval
  - Could be introduced at an Assembly meeting in January
- Danger tree agreement
  - Agreement signed in late 2004
  - Document extending the agreement through 2005 in coordination
- Project communication and coordination
  - Working group meeting on S. Anchorage to University transmission line
  - Open house planned 1 Feb for same project

### **State**

- Use of the \$68 M Railbelt Energy Fund
  - Proposal ideas discussed with other utilities and some legislators
- JAA acquisition of State-owned assets
  - Proposal ideas discussed with other utilities and some legislators
- JAA development of Fire Island wind project
  - Much of the study work done: interconnection costs high
  - Proposal would be part of the \$68 M REF plan
- Support APA legislative agenda

### **Federal**

- Hope line work
  - Much field work done: report drafting underway
  - Possibility of using unspent study funds for work in 2005
- Possible tax-exempt financing for JAA
  - Discussed issue with Steve Silver
- Fire Island transmission line funding grant
  - Study work nearly done; report drafting in progress
  - Denali Commission earmark which may be pursued
- Support for REPI, PTC and tradable tax credits
  - Adopted in APA resolution