

July 16, 2004

The Honorable Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: Cooper Lake Project Relicensing (FERC No. 2170)  
Extended deadline for comments on Draft License Application**

Dear Cooper Lake Project Relicensing Participants:

As you are aware, Chugach Electric Association (Chugach) issued the Draft License Application (DLA) for its Cooper Lake Project on May 31, 2004. With the 90-day comment period provided for in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations, the deadline for providing comments on the DLA was initially set for August 31.

Since issuance of the DLA, Chugach has continued to develop information for the ongoing evaluation of Project effects and potential mitigation measures for Cooper Creek. This new information (which includes habitat modeling results for the instream flow study and further refinement of potential engineering concepts for Cooper Creek) was presented in preliminary form at the relicensing workshop held this week (July 14), and will be available in document form by August 16. To allow participants the opportunity to take into account this new information in the development of their written comments on the DLA, Chugach is extending the deadline for providing comments on the DLA to **September 30, 2004**.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Cooper Lake Project relicensing.

Sincerely,



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