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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2012-011**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION'S
APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
HOPE/SUNRISE POWER DISTRIBUTION LINE SYSTEM UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, reliable electric service is important to the safety, health and economy of residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, Chugach Electric Association (Chugach), a not-for-profit member-owned cooperative, provides electric power service to the Hope and Sunrise areas of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, borough residents in Sunrise and Hope have been subjected to repeated and prolonged power outages due to a combination of events, including avalanches, the Spruce Bark Beetle infestation, wind, snow and ice storms; and

WHEREAS, Chugach Electric Association has taken steps to improve service to Hope and Sunrise residents through a planned and systematic series of projects to clear trees and relocate and rebuild portions of the distribution line; and

WHEREAS, Chugach has funded its improvements to the Hope distribution facilities through a combination of utility, state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Chugach has identified two additional projects that would improve electric service to borough residents in Hope and Sunrise by adding remotely operable switches at the Hope Substation and relocating another portion of the distribution line; and

WHEREAS, Chugach is seeking state grant funding of the two projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the importance and necessity of upgrading the electrical substation powering the Hope/Sunrise electrical distribution line and relocation of portions of the Hope electrical distribution line to safer and more accessible locations.

SECTION 2. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports Chugach Electric Association's application and request to the State of Alaska for grant funding to complete the Hope Substation automation upgrade project and to relocate a portion of the Hope electrical distribution line.

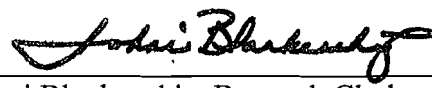
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

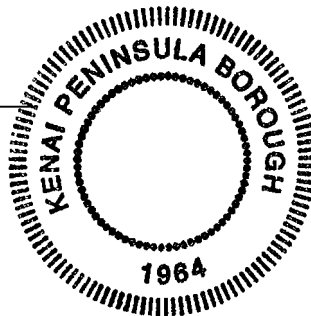


Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp
No: None
Absent: Murphy