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Alaska Energy Authority
813 W. Northern Lights Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Letter of Intent for EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07: Alaska Energy Authority, Coalition Application – Rural Energy Measure

Executive Director Thayer,

This letter provides notice of the Northwest Arctic Borough's (NAB) formal intent to participate with the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) under a coalition application to be submitted by the AEA for funding through the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Implementation General Competition. This grant application will include the AEA Diesel Genset Replacement Program (DGR), the Village Energy Efficiency Program (VEEP), and Rural Distribution Measures (the "Project").

The NAB is excited to be a part of a potential generational opportunity for transformative impacts on the energy systems of disadvantaged, rural communities in Alaska especially when considering the array of benefits to be realized from the multi-faceted, programmatic elements of the application including engine replacements through DGR, upgrades to rural distribution systems, and energy efficiency upgrades measures through VEEP. This application is comprehensive and seeks to ensure reliable and safe utility operation, the future integration and maximum use of renewable energy resources, and supports the efficient energy use and practices within disadvantaged, rural Alaskan communities. These activities promise long-term emissions reductions (GHG and criteria pollutants), greater resiliency to disruptive climate change related events, economic and environmental benefits, and improved quality of life.

The NAB is a committed coalition member on this application and will work in collaboration with AEA and those coalition members in drafting and executing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which addresses all roles and responsibilities required to be undertaken by each member for the successful implementation of the coalition application. The NAB understands that July 1, 2024 is the target date for an MOA signed by all coalition members to be made available to the Environmental Protection Agency as required under the CPRG requirements and with the coalition, intends to achieve this target.

Respectfully,

Dickie Moto
Mayor, Northwest Arctic Borough