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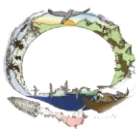
RE: Letter of Intent for EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07: Alaska Energy Authority, Coalition
Application – Rural Energy Measure

Executive Director Thayer,

Please find this letter as Tanana Chiefs Conference's formal intent to join as a coalition member for the coalition application being submitted by the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) in conjunction with Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB) and Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) for funding through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Implementation General Competition for the AEA Diesel Genset Replacement Program (DGR), the Village Energy Efficiency Program (VEEP), and Rural Distribution Measure (the "Project").

TCC 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 measures through VEEP. This application is comprehensive and seeks to address those primary barriers to ensuring reliable and safe utility operation, future integration of renewable energy resources, and supporting efficient energy use and practices within those disadvantaged, rural Alaskan communities. These activities promise long-term emissions reductions, greater resiliency to disruptive events, economic and environmental benefits, and improved quality of life.

TCC 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. TCC 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 program and will work with other coalition members to achieve this target.



Sincerely,
TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BR", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Brian Ridley
Chief