



Native Village of Tetlin

P.O. Box 797
Tok, Alaska 99780
(907) 883-2021 phone
1-877-883-2021
(907) 883-1267 fax

March 25, 2024

Mr. David Messier
Tanana Chief Conference
Infrastructure Division

RE: Letter of Commitment for TCC Application to EPA CPRG- 23-07; General Competition

Dear Mr. Messier,

Native Village of Tetlin is submitting this letter of commitment for the Tanana Chief Conference's (TCC) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity titled "Upper Tanana Tribal Intertie and Solar PV". The Native Village of Tetlin is the federally recognized tribal government located in Tetlin, AK,

TCC's proposed project to construct an intertie between our electric grid and the Alaska Railbelt while developing significant local solar PV and Battery Energy Storage resources will greatly improve our community's energy security and quality of life. This project will dramatically reduce our community's reliance on expensive imported diesel fuel, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and provide lower cost electricity. Additionally, this project will provide critical resilience in our electric grid through an intertie to the Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) electric grid that will reduce blackouts and improve reliability.

Our community is a traditional Alaska Native community that practices a subsistence lifestyle; we have a limited economy that is heavily burdened by the cost of energy. This project would directly support a population that has been historically disadvantaged and would support the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice 40 and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion goals.

Our Tribe will participate in community outreach and education locally to support the project and will work to support site control and support local hiring of workers for the project during construction and operation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, 

Michael Sam
Chief



ALASKA POWER & TELEPHONE COMPANY
193 OTTO STREET | PO BOX 3222
PORT TOWNSEND, WA 98368
PHONE: (800) 982-0136 | FAX: (360) 385-5177

March 14, 2024

Mr. David Messier
Tanana Chief Conference
Infrastructure Division

RE: Letter of Commitment for TCC Application to EPA CPRG #EPA-R-OAR-CPRGT-23-09

Dear Mr. Messier,

Alaska Power and Telephone is submitting this letter of commitment for the Tanana Chief Conference's (TCC) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity titled "Enhancing Local Energy Connectivity in Tribal Regional Communities, (ELECTRC)". Alaska Power and Telephone is the electric utility providing service to 100% of the communities of Tanacross, Dot Lake, Tok and Tetlin.

AP&T has provided affordable services to meet the evolving needs of rural Alaskan communities since 1957. Today, AP&T provides services in over 40 communities and villages spanning 1,100 linear miles. Seventy-five percent (75%) of our energy generation comes from renewable hydropower, with excesses available in some communities to support beneficial electrification (heat pumps, electric vehicles) and sustainable growth. The microgrid to be served by the project currently supplies electricity through 100% diesel power from a single powerhouse.

TCC's proposed project to construct an intertie between our electric grid and the Alaska Railbelt while developing significant local solar PV and Battery Energy Storage resources will improve our utilities energy security and improve electricity generation in the communities of Tanacross, Dot Lake, Tok and Tetlin. This project will dramatically reduce our utility's reliance on expensive imported diesel fuel and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It will also provide critical resilience in our electric grid with a large battery energy storage system to reduce blackouts and improve reliability. Importantly, this project will also reduce wear and tear by allowing the grid to operate occasionally in a 100% "Diesel's off" arrangement. Additionally, this project will provide critical resilience in our electric grid through an intertie to the Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) electric grid that will reduce our dependence on a single local diesel plant and improve reliability.

AP&T commits to enter negotiations with the intent to formulate power purchase agreement with TCC for purchase of solar power generated by the projects in Tanacross, Dot Lake, Tok and Tetlin that would displace diesel power in these communities. AP&T also plans to serve as a partner in guiding and implementing required improvements to the existing diesel power plant and distribution systems to integrate these systems.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W Rice, P.E.
Chief Operating Officer, Energy
Alaska Power and Telephone, Inc.



March 15, 2024

Tanana Chiefs Conference
Infrastructure Division
122 1st Ave Suite 600
Fairbanks, AK 99701

RE: Letter of Commitment for TCC Application to EPA CPRG- 23-07; General Competition

Dear Tanana Chiefs Conference:

Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) is submitting this letter to provide support for Tanana Chiefs Conference's (TCC) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity titled "Enhancing Local Energy Connectivity in Tribal Regional Communities, (ELECTRC)."

GVEA is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving nearly 100,000 Interior Alaska residents in Fairbanks, Delta Junction, North Pole, Salcha, Nenana, Healy and Cantwell. The cooperative operates and maintains nearly 3,300 miles of transmission and distribution lines, 35 substations and 9 generating facilities with just over 380 megawatts of capacity. GVEA's generation portfolio includes wind, hydro, coal, diesel, naphtha and solar. Our system is interconnected with multiple critical military installations including: Fort Wainwright Army Base, Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Greely Missile Defense, and Clear Space Force Station. GVEA is also interconnected with all electric utilities in the Alaska Railbelt, which extends from Homer, Alaska to Fairbanks.

TCC's application to design and construct an intertie between Delta Junction, Alaska and Tok, Alaska will connect the Tok microgrid, comprising the communities of Tok, Tetlin, Tanacross and Dot Lake, to the Alaska Railbelt electric grid. GVEA is committed to participating in the project's development and recognizes the reliability and cost benefits this project could bring to Tok and surrounding communities. Upon construction of the intertie, this would allow GVEA to investigate, negotiate and potentially enter into a power purchase agreement to sell energy from the GVEA grid to the subregional power utility – Alaska Power & Telephone Company (AP&T) based in Tok, Alaska, through this newly constructed TCC intertie. GVEA notes that in November 2022, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska issued a declaratory ruling stating that interconnection of this nature would not change AP&T's status as a utility eligible to participate in the Power Cost Equalization program. GVEA has sufficient capacity and would be capable of selling the anticipated quantity of power at reasonable rates that have the ability to provide cost benefits to both AP&T customers and GVEA members when this project is funded and constructed.

We appreciate your consideration in funding this critical project which will reduce the Tok microgrid's exclusive reliance on diesel fuel for electric generation. Please feel to reach out with any questions regarding GVEA's support of this project.

Sincerely,

Dan Bishop
Director of Engineering Services, GVEA

NATIVE VILLAGE OF TANACROSS

10001 Tanacross Boulevard
Tanacross, AK 99776

March 21, 2024

Mr. David Messier
Tanana Chief Conference
Infrastructure Division

RE: Letter of Commitment for TCC Application to EPA CPRG

Dear Mr. Messier,

Native Village of Tanacross is submitting this letter of commitment for the Tanana Chief Conference's (TCC) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Funding Opportunity titled "Upper Tanana Tribal Intertie and Solar PV". The Native Village of Tanacross is the federally recognized tribal government located in Tanacross, AK,

TCC's proposed project to construct an intertie between our electric grid and the Alaska Railbelt while developing significant local solar PV and Battery Energy Storage resources will greatly improve our community's energy security and quality of life. This project will dramatically reduce our community's reliance on expensive imported diesel fuel, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and provide lower cost electricity. Additionally, this project will provide critical resilience in our electric grid through an intertie to the Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) electric grid that will reduce blackouts and improve reliability.

Our community is a traditional Alaska Native community that practices a subsistence lifestyle; we have a limited economy that is heavily burdened by the cost of energy. This project would directly support a population that has been historically disadvantaged and would support the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice 40 and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion goals.

Our Tribe will participate in community outreach and education locally to support the project and will work to support site control and support local hiring of workers for the project during construction and operation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, 

Herbert F. Demit
President