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RE: Letter of Support for the City of Unalaska's application for a CPRG Implementation Grant
EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

I am writing today in support of the City of Unalaska's application for CPRG Implementation Grant funds for the Unalaska Renewable Energy Project under EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07.

The City of Unalaska and Ounalashka Corporation share a commitment to substantial, long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions while simultaneously delivering numerous benefits to community members.

The Unalaska Renewable Energy Project (UREP) is proposed as a holistic approach to climate change mitigation that combines the benefits of multiple technology solutions to achieve both immediate and long range GHG reduction. To achieve year 0-to-5 GHG emission reductions, City of Unalaska will install 10 MW of wind power capacity in lower Pyramid Valley, 2 MW of solar power capacity on Hog or Amaknak Island, and a 20 MWh of battery energy storage capacity to offset approximately 35% of current City of Unalaska and seafood processor electric loads.

Further, in year 0-to-5 the City of Unalaska will commission an exploratory well drilling effort to confirm a geothermal power resource on the flanks of nearby Makushin Volcano that was first investigated in the 1980's and has been the subject of recent development interest. Should the geothermal resource prove developable for a sustained power capacity of approximately 30 MW or more, City of Unalaska and the Qawalangin Tribe will work with Ounalashka Corporation, the geothermal site landowner, and potentially other development partners to construct a geothermal power facility to power the electrical and potentially heating needs (via electric boilers and/or air-source heat pumps) of the City of Unalaska, the existing three large seafood processors (Alyeska Seafoods, Westward Seafoods, and Unisea) plus Trident Seafoods' very large new seafood processing plant presently under development.

The CPRG program will enable City of Unalaska to pursue GHG reduction measures that align with our communities priorities, including priority measures from the State of Alaska Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). City of Unalaska places a strong emphasis on prioritizing benefits to Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities and will do so through this program.

Ounalashka Corporation is in full support of the City of Unalaska's application for this funding, and know that supporting local government climate action will position Alaska to continue to lead in climate pollution reduction. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I appreciate the opportunity to support this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie A. Cale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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