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Dear Governor Palin,

I am writing you on behalf of the Copper Valley Electric Association in support of their four important capital projects contained in SB 221. These projects are a good investment for the State as they include matching a \$2 million federal grant already in hand and starting the permitting of a project to increase the production of hydro power. I know that you are concerned with the amount of capital spending that has been included in the state budget but would hope that these will meet with your approval. Maintaining and improving our electrical infrastructure as well as funding projects that help get us off of fossil fuels is an important step in stabilizing these rural communities that have been so hard hit by utility and transportation cost increases.

Peter Pan Seafoods processes salmon and groundfish from Prince William Sound to Bristol Bay. We are more than aware of the difficulties the current high cost of energy has on our business as well as on the communities we operate in. We are fortunate that our Valdez facility has access to what have been relatively reasonable electrical costs via the Copper Valley Electric Association. We are concerned, as is the regional community, that as these costs rise our ability to compete, live and work here will be further compromised. Though high energy costs are certainly not going away anytime soon we hope that you will support projects such as the CVEA has proposed which give us hope that we can reach some stability in this energy cost spiral.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hansen", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Hansen, Plant Manager
Peter Pan Seafoods, Valdez

Cc: Representative John Harris
Senator Gene Therriault