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The Honorable Pete Kelly Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Alan Austerman Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 505 Juneau, AK 99801-1182 The Honorable Kevin Meyer Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 518 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Bill Stoltze Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 515 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: FY 2014 Supplemental Budget Amendments HB 299/SB 155

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find proposed supplemental amendments to the FY 2014 supplemental budget based on additional information received after the 15th Legislative day.

As you know, the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project will provide long-term, low-cost reliable power for generations of Railbelt electric consumers. The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is continuing work necessary to submit the project licensing application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). We are requesting approval of supplemental funding, contingent upon AEA obtaining executed land access permits. The additional funds will support continued progress on the licensing effort to conduct the FERC approved environmental study plan. We are also requesting re-appropriation of FY2014 excess fuel trigger funding to cover costs associated with the Tustumena's delayed return to service and for the vessel replacement fund.

Thank you for your consideration of these supplemental budget amendments.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Rehfeld

Director

Enclosures

cc: David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division