

ALCAN INTERTIE PROJECT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this effort is to facilitate the development of the Southeast electrical intertie through the development of the Alcan intertie for energy export. The export of energy through the Alcan intertie will enable the completion of interties throughout Southeast Alaska including completion of the Swan-Tyee connection. Energy export could lead to the development of a number of hydro-electric projects in many locations in Southeast Alaska meeting domestic power needs and providing a surplus for export. The goal is to provide the energy needed for economic development in Southeast Alaska resulting in jobs for Alaskans and providing reliable, less costly alternatives to diesel generated electricity for Alaskan communities.

STRUCTURE

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) will employ contractors to confirm the feasibility, and then competitively contract with private developers of hydropower resources. AEA will also determine the extent of transmission infrastructure needed, establish business models for the development of, ownership, and operation and maintenance of the transmission backbone that will convey Alaska hydro power to Canadian and US markets.

In recognition of the various interests in Southeast Alaska, a steering group and two subcommittees comprised of regional representatives are established to advise AEA in its work to confirm the feasibility and contract for development. This will ensure that Southeast Alaska has a direct involvement in this economic development initiative.

The participants are asked to serve for the duration of the project undertaken by AEA; approximately 6 months.

Steering group

This group will provide advice and recommendations to the Administration on the structure and approach for project development, as well as review comments on consultant feasibility reports. The group will specifically

1. Consider the work plan for advancing the Energy Export project to include consultant feasibility contracts and the structure for project development

2. Consider and comment on the draft scopes of work for feasibility consultant contracts.
3. Consider the different types of business structures for the ownership, operation, and maintenance of transmission infrastructure.
4. Monitor progress and suggest adjustments to process.

The Steering Group will meet at the call of the Administration but at least bi-monthly. The Steering Group will be chaired by the Commissioner of the Dept. of Transportation and Public facilities.

Work Group

The Work Group will work routinely with the AEA Project Manager to provide advice and recommendations regarding the conduct and direction of the Intertie project. The Work Group will meet at the call of the Administration or the AEA Project Manager but at least monthly. The Work Group will meet jointly with the Steering Group when the Steering Group meets. The Work Group will be chaired by JC Conley.

Technical Group

A Technical Group will be comprised of engineering, accounting, economics, and legal support. This group will provide technical advice to the Work Group and the AEA Project Manager as requested. At the request of the AEA Project Manager, the Technical Group may work directly with any consultant or contractor.

PARTICIPANTS

Steering Group

Senator Bert Stedman (representing Senate District A)
Representative Jim Elkins (representing House District 1)
Representative Peggy Wilson (representing House District 2)
Ron Miller –AEA
Henrich Kadake – Mayor of Kake
Joe Williams –Mayor of Ketchikan Borough and Mayor of Saxman
Valerie McCandless – Mayor of Wrangell
Bob Weinstein – Mayor of Ketchikan
Murray Walsh – Executive Director of SE Conference
Bill Williams- former legislator
Patty Grantham- District Ranger, Forest Service
Mike Barton- Commissioner, Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities (Chair)

Work Group

Dennis Lewis- former Exec. Director, 4 Dam Pool
Dave Carlson – Executive Director, 4 Dam Pool
John Bolling – Co-chair SE Conference Energy Committee
David Stone –Co-chair SE Conference Energy Committee
Jim Strandberg- AEA Project Manager
Mark Taylor- Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities
JC Conley- SE Conference (Chair)

Technical Group

Joe Nelson – Petersburg Power and Light
Jay Hansen – Electric Division Manager – City of Ketchikan
Paul Bryant – Metlakatla Utility
Mark Edwards- Dept of Revenue
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Others as needed