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### **AEA Announces Railbelt Hydro Meetings** Open Houses Scheduled for Five Communities

(Anchorage) –The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) will host Railbelt Hydroelectric Energy Open Houses in five communities, starting February 24 in Fairbanks and concluding March 15 in Kenai.

In November 2010, AEA announced its recommendation that the Low Watana site on the Susitna River should be the primary hydroelectric project for Alaska’s Railbelt. The Open Houses will provide opportunity for the public to learn more about the Susitna Hydro Project.

“Alaska’s goal of producing 50% of our power from renewable resources by 2025 can only be met by building a large hydroelectric project on the Railbelt,” said AEA Executive Director Sara Fisher-Goad. “The Susitna Project will help us reach this target and will provide cost-effective, reliable, long-term power for generations. I encourage the public to take advantage of these opportunities to learn why the Susitna Hydro Project is favored.”

#### Meeting Schedule:

Fairbanks: February 24, 5-8 PM Open House, 6 PM Presentation. Princess Riverside Lodge.  
Talkeetna: February 28, 5-7 PM Open House, 5:30 PM Presentation. Talkeetna Elementary School Gym.  
Palmer: March 1, 5-8 PM Open House, 6 PM Presentation. Palmer Community Center (Depot).  
Anchorage: March 2, 5-8 PM Open House, 6 PM Presentation. Dena’ina Center.  
Kenai: March 15, 5:30-7:30 PM Open House, 6 PM Presentation. Challenger Learning Center.

Additional information can be found at [www.akenergyauthority.org](http://www.akenergyauthority.org).

Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state whose mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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