

Alaska Intertie Management Committee (IMC)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Alaska Energy Authority Board Room

Friday, December 5, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tony Zellers called the meeting of the Alaska Intertie Management Committee to order on December 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members present: Tony Zellers (Matanuska Electric Association (MEA)); Andrew Laughlin (Chugach Electric Association (CEA)); Dan Bishop (Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA)); and Bill Price (Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)). A quorum was established.

3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL

Public present: Jennifer Bertolini (AEA); Mark Billingsley (AEA); Patrick Domitrovich (AEA); Pamela Ellis (AEA); Josi Hartley (AEA); James Mendenhall (AEA); Robert Varga (AEA); Mark Ziesmer (AEA); Joel Paisner (Ascent Law Partners); Mike Miller (CEA); Paul Millwood (CEA); Nathan Minnema (GVEA); Keith Palchikoff (GVEA); and David Pease (MEA).

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve and amend the agenda, adding the assignment to the System Studies Subcommittee. Motion seconded by Mr. Price.

Mr. Bishop requested to amend the agenda, adding an item for discussion regarding the System Studies Subcommittee assignments and events.

Chair Zellers recommended adding Item 11. Committee Assignments, as a friendly amendment to the agenda. There was no objection.

Mr. Price noted that discussion regarding the synchrophasor project contract will be discussed in the Intertie Operating Committee (IOC) report. There was no objection, and no need to add a new item to the agenda.

The motion to approve the amended agenda, adding Item 11. Committee Assignments, passed without objection.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES – October 28, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve the Minutes of October 28, 2025. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Laughlin.

The Minutes of October 28, 2025, were approved without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. FY25 Estimated Surplus

Mark Ziesmer, AEA, summarized the FY25 estimated surplus. Mr. Ziesmer discussed that for FY25, the Alaska Intertie has a surplus of \$1,063,591 to be refunded to participants. The surplus is derived from excess revenues from operating costs of \$755,113, and administrative costs of \$308,478. The refund allocation is based on the Alaska Intertie Agreement Section 7.4.4 and Section 7.4.5, which distribute excess revenues proportionally based on contributions.

Mr. Ziesmer indicated the refund allocations. GVEA will receive a surplus of \$725,996, comprised of an operating surplus of \$623,120, and an administrative surplus of \$102,847. CEA will receive a surplus of \$102,816, comprised of an administrative surplus portion only. MEA will receive a surplus of \$234,810, comprised of an operating surplus of \$131,994, and an administrative surplus of \$102,816.

Mr. Ziesmer reviewed that the total operating costs were \$811,755 under budget. This contributes to the surplus. The projected energy rate per MWH was \$13.54, which is lower than the budgeted rate of \$16.86. This is related to the less than budgeted expenses. Administrative expenses were \$308,478 under budget, with notable savings in the IMC administrative costs and miscellaneous system studies. Actual energy usage was 151,631 MWH, which is 25,149 MWH below projection. Despite this, revenues exceeded actual operating costs, contributing to the surplus. There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Laughlin to approve the FY25 refund of surplus, as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop.

The motion to approve the FY25 refund of surplus as presented passed without objection.

7B. Budget Amendment Discussion

Mr. Price noted that there were two items in the budget that are projected to go over budget. The first item is the Douglas Communications Project. The project is currently on budget. However, the budgeted amount of \$100,000 was a placeholder when the budget was created.

Approximately a month or two after the budget was created, it was determined that an additional \$200,000 of funding would be needed. This increase was expected.

Mr. Price noted the second item is the Douglas Substation Structure project. It is over budget by approximately \$150,000. Mr. Price proposed that the Committee follow the same process as last year and conduct a mid-budget review to identify any significant changes to the budget that may reduce the usage cost for members. Mr. Price deferred the process to Chair Zellers.

Chair Zellers requested that next month's meeting include an agenda item regarding the overall budget review by the Finance Committee and proposal of a new budget for mid-year updates. This can also be discussed under agenda Item 11.

7C. 2026 Proposed IMC Meeting Dates

Chair Zellers indicated that the 2026 proposed meeting dates were previously emailed to members. They are January 16, March 20, May 1, June 19, July 24, September 25, and December 4, 2026. There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve the proposed 2026 meeting dates. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Laughlin.

The motion to approve the proposed 2026 meeting dates passed without objection.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8A. RCA Questions in Docket U-25-028

Chair Zeller requested Joel Paisner, Ascent Law Partners, discuss the RCA questions in Docket U-25-028. Mr. Paisner noted that the initial brief was filed with the extensive help of the Committee. Mr. Paisner thanked Mr. Price for his time in discussing the issues. The decision was made not to file a response as intervenors in the process. Mr. Paisner noted the position is one of exemption from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). The filings were consistent with this position and explained the basis of the exemption. A hearing will be scheduled. Mr. Paisner commented on the confusing process at the RCA. He is hoping for the best and preparing for the worst. There were no comments or questions.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. Budget vs. Actuals

Mr. Ziesmer presented the Budget versus Actuals report. Mr. Ziesmer summarized the report as of September 30, 2025. Actual revenues exceeded the budget by \$88,756, primarily due to higher than anticipated energy usage. The total energy usage was 18,948 MWH, which surpassed the budgeted amount of 16,824 MWH. Interest accrued from the start of the fiscal

year through September 30, 2025, amounted to \$20,926. The total operating expenses were below budget by approximately \$475,000 due to minimal or no activity in several categories.

Mr. Ziesmer discussed that the Miscellaneous Transmission Expense category 56600 is over budget by \$15,186 due to faster than anticipated spending related to the Alaska Railbelt Steady State Dynamic Stability Analysis. This variance is expected to normalize as additional budget allocations are applied throughout the year. The Maintenance of Station Equipment Douglas Substation category 57000 is over budget by \$167,360 due to more costs being incurred in FY2026 than planned. The Insurance Premiums category 58401 was over budget by \$7,892 due to timing differences between annualized budget and actuals. The variance is expected to resolve going forward. The Administrative Expenses were below budget by \$38,714, primarily due to lower than expected internal payroll and indirect costs. Mr. Ziesmer discussed that the current revenue and expense results reflect a surplus of \$877,013. There were no comments or questions.

9B. IOC Report

Mike Miller, CEA, presented the IOC Report. Mr. Miller noted that the report includes an update on the Douglas Communications Project. The structure is anticipated to be installed in January, and the comms are expected to be completed in March. In the previous IOC meeting, discussion occurred regarding the direction from the IMC as to engagement with the Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC) and the Railbelt Transmission Organization (RTO). Mr. Miller reiterated his understanding that no engagement is to occur, unless an official formal request has been provided, at which time guidance from the IMC would be sought.

Mr. Miller advised that a draft report for the IBR Study has been received by the IOC. Review and discussion of the report will occur at the next IOC meeting. The 230 kV Line Upgrade Study is being developed by EPS. The final report is expected by the end of the year. Staff continue to work on the Railbelt EMT Model, and a budgetary number is expected to be prepared for the 2027 budget process. Mr. Miller noted that the assignment given by the IMC regarding intertie communications has been assigned to the SCADA/Telecommunication Subcommittee. Meetings with Department of Transportation (DOT) have occurred. It was determined that GVEA would take the lead with the State, and MEA and GVEA are looking to coordinate with carriers to replace the AT&T service that has been escalating in cost over time.

Mr. Price explained that the Synchrophasor Project began approximately three years ago. At that time, the System Studies Subcommittee (SSS) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and selected a contractor using GVEA's procurement processes. Rates with the contractor are under negotiation. Mr. Price noted that Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) has been asked to be the signer of the contract on behalf of the IMC members, like the process of the PSSE Model. Mr. Price indicated that AEA has no objection to filling that role.

Vice-Chair Laughlin asked if the contract is a GVEA contract that AEA is executing or is it an AEA contract. Mr. Price explained the contract with the contractor EPG would be managed by GVEA

and signed by AEA. Mr. Price indicated that each of the utilities' legal counsel will have the opportunity to review the contract before it is signed.

Chair Zellers noted that he has no objection to GVEA managing the contract and AEA signing the contract. There was also no objection from GVEA, and no objection from CEA.

Chair Zellers asked if the SCADA/Telecommunication is considering if commercial fiber is available for the entire route from Fairbanks to Southcentral. He noted that fast communication is needed for the synchrophasor project. Chair Zellers noted that he is curious about this status and that this is not a committee assignment. Mr. Miller requested clarification for the IOC to look for existing or soon to be existing commercial fiber availability on the Intertie, and that IMC is not seeking to run fiber on the Intertie. Chair Zellers agreed. There were no other comments or questions.

9C. Operator Report

Mr. Miller presented the Operator Report dated December 5, 2025. There has been a shift in the usage since the previous meeting, particularly the increased interchange between MEA and GVEA, and CEA and GVEA, as reflected in the year-to-date numbers. There were no trips of the Intertie between September and the end of November. However, there were many events that occurred, which are listed in the report. The underfrequency load shed event on October 27, 2025, is the most notable. There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Laughlin to enter into Executive Session to discuss (1) confidential legal matters which by law are required to be confidential, and (2) confidential records that are not subject to public disclosure. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop.

The motion to enter into Executive Session was approved without objection.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:27 a.m. – (Bylaws Section 5.11.3 (d)) To discuss (1) confidential legal matters which by law are required to be confidential; and (2) confidential records that are not subject to public disclosure.

The Committee reconvened its regular meeting at 9:53 a.m. Chair Zellers advised that the Committee did not take any formal action on the matters discussed while in executive session.

11. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair Zellers assigned the Finance Committee to review the overall budget and to adjust the budgeted amount on a semi-annual basis to include the amendments, if appropriate. Chair Zellers assigned the IOC SSS to study the southern Intertie limits, the different states of the line, and the line losses. There were no comments or questions.

12. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Laughlin thanked Chair Zellers for the efficient meeting and thanked staff for providing thorough updates today.

Mr. Bishop thanked the subcommittees for their diligent work and for continuing to manage the project well.

Mr. Price echoed the previous comments of appreciation.

Chair Zellers echoed the comments of appreciation and thanked the lawyers who are involved with the RTO with the goal of maintaining the exempt status.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 16, 2026 (*pending approval*)

Chair Zellers indicated that the next meeting date is January 16, 2026.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the IMC, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.


Tony Zellers, Chair
Bill Price, AEA Secretary