

Alaska Intertie Management Committee (IMC)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Alaska Energy Authority Board Room

Friday, July 24, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tony Zellers called the meeting of the Alaska Intertie Management Committee to order on July 24, 2026, 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); Patrick Domitrovich; Pam Ellis (AEA); Jim Mendenhall (AEA); Vienna Vaden (AEA); Robert Varga (AEA); Mark Ziesmer (AEA); Mike Miller (CEA); Paul Millwood (CEA); Ashley Brown (Guess & Rudd); Keith Palchikoff (GVEA); David Pease (MEA); and Jon Sinclair (MEA).

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Laughlin to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES – June 26, 2026

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2026. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Laughlin.

A roll call vote was taken, and the Minutes of June 26, 2026 were approved unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. PSSE Model / Contract

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Laughlin to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential financial matters, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect upon the finances of AEA, the Intertie, the IMC, or any of its members. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to enter into Executive Session passed unanimously.

- i. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:05 a.m. - (Bylaws Section 5.11.3) – To discuss confidential financial matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect upon the finances of AEA, the Intertie, of the IMC, or any of its Members.**

The Committee reconvened its regular meeting at 9:22 a.m. Chair Zellers advised that the Committee did not take any formal action on the matters discussed while in executive session.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Price to move ahead as discussed regarding the license ratio share cost options and dividing the seats. CEA will receive 4 seats. GVEA will receive 1 seat. HEA will receive 1 seat. MEA will receive 1 seat. The RRC will receive 1 seat. AEA's seat will be the designated floating seat. The Synchrophasor Project will receive 1 seat. The Synchrophasor Project costs will remain in the Synchrophasor Project. The cost for the synchrophasor seat will be distributed among members alongside the AEA floating seat. That results in a cost share of 44% to CEA, and 14% each to GVEA, HEA, MEA, and the RRC. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Vice-Chair Laughlin discussed his understanding that the IMC was going to keep the PSSE for the Synchrophasor Project with that project, and then look at the budget for the utilities licensing at a later date. He proposed to table the discussion until after members reviewed the spreadsheet that will be provided.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Laughlin to table the previous motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to table the previous motion passed, with AEA voting no.

7B. Wildfire / Natural Disaster Notification Process

Mr. Price noted that this item was discussed at the Bradley Lake O&D meeting. It is related to the Grandview Fire and the damage to Structure 616. AEA is requesting a better notification plan and process to inform AEA and other executive members if there is damage or potential damage to State-owned assets.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Price to discuss options to notify AEA and other executive utility members of damage to or potential damage to State-owned infrastructure. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Laughlin.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Zellers requested discussion. Mr. Price explained that the utility response to the Grandview Fire resulted in a power outage to Sterling because the SQ Line was threatened by the fire. The outage was reported by the media. Mr. Price noted that the Executive Director of AEA, Curtis Thayer, first learned of the event and potential damage to the line from the media's reporting. This prompted the discussion about ways to improve the notification process to AEA and other executive members regarding potential damage to State-owned infrastructure. Mr. Price indicated that the notification could be via email.

Chair Zellers noted that this subject was discussed at the Bradley Lake Project Management Committee (BPMC). MEA's preference is to notify the O&D Committee members and/or the IOC members, and let those representatives notify their executives, rather than going directly to the executives. Chair Zellers stated that Tony Izzo, MEA, was notified prior to the media's notification because Chair Zellers informed Mr. Izzo. It is one of Chair Zellers' duties to make sure Mr. Izzo is informed. Chair Zellers believes it is part of the duties of the O&D Committee members and the IOC members to notify executives when there are issues on the system.

Vice-Chair Laughlin expressed support for a formal notification process. He suggested that the IOC is given the assignment to create the process and to determine the procedure that will be followed.

Mr. Bishop supported giving the IOC the assignment to create the process. He noted that in the meanwhile, notification could be emailed to members of the IOC and the IMC.

Chair Zellers supported giving the IOC the assignment to create the process so that the dispatch centers can provide an email notification and the individual utilities can follow their own alert structure.

Mr. Bishop reiterated that the threshold for notification is specific to damage to or potential damage to State-owned infrastructure.

Chair Zellers noted that the assignment to the IOC includes determining the threshold of damage that triggers the communication procedure. There were no other questions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Mr. Bishop nominated Mr. Laughlin for Chair.

A roll call vote was taken, and Mr. Laughlin was elected Chair unanimously.

Mr. Laughlin nominated Mr. Bishop for Vice-Chair. Mr. Zellers seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was taken, and Mr. Bishop was elected Vice-Chair unanimously.

Ashley Brown, Guess & Rudd, advised that per the bylaws, the Secretary/Treasurer position is held by AEA's representative. There was no objection.

Mr. Zellers turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chair Laughlin.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. Budget vs. Actuals

Chair Laughlin requested Mark Ziesmer, AEA, to discuss the Budget to Actuals Report included in the packet. Mr. Ziesmer presented the Budget to Actuals Report as of May 31, 2026. The revenue exceeded the budget by \$156,000 primarily due to higher-than-expected energy usage. The total energy usage through May was approximately 83,000 MWH. This is about 2,800 MWH above the budgeted level. The interest income totaled approximately \$56,000. Operating expenses were approximately \$1 million below budget. The variance is largely the result of lower spending in several areas where activity has been less than anticipated or has not yet occurred. Item 58306 Miscellaneous Administration is approximately \$273,000 over budget. This is due primarily to legal expenses related to Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) response activities.

Mr. Ziesmer discussed that overall administrative expenses were about \$70,000 above budget. This was driven by higher payroll costs associated with RCA response efforts, along with increased fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations. Despite this variance, administrative expenses are only about \$3,600 higher than the same time last fiscal year. This is an indication that year-over-year, the spending has remained relatively stable. As a result of the revenues and expense variance, the Intertie is currently reporting a surplus of \$1.4 million through May 31, 2026. There were no comments or questions.

9B. IOC Report

Mike Miller, CEA, presented the IOC Report included in the packet dated July 24, 2026. Progress continues with the Douglas Communications. A walk-through will be scheduled once the infrastructure installation is near its completion. Mr. Miller discussed that GVEA is reopening the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the snow unloading project. The revised RFP timeline structure will allow for more proposals. Mr. Miller noted that the inverter-based resources (IBR) study memorandum is provided in the report. It includes recommendations that the IOC hopes to present to the Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC) for consideration in their efforts.

Vice-Chair Bishop noted that the IOC report under Item 2e. seems to indicate that CEA, under the Relay, Protection, & Control Subcommittee, is developing an RFP for Southern Tie Stability &

Losses. He asked if that RFP is being developed through the System Studies Subcommittee. Mr. Miller apologized and explained there was a formatting issue when he converted the report to the pdf format. The Relay, Protection, & Control Subcommittee should have its own item number, and there are no updates. There were no other comments or questions.

9C. Operator Report

Mr. Miller stated that the end of the fiscal year has been reached. The Operator Report reflects the year-end totals, which are on track with the prior year. There were no Intertie trips in the month of July. The only event of note on the system was a trip of Healy 2 on July 12, 2026. There were no comments or questions.

10. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chair Laughlin thanked Mr. Zellers for his previous year of Chairing the IMC. Chair Laughlin is looking forward to his new tenure as Chair. He expressed appreciation for the reporting today.

Mr. Zellers thanked Chair Laughlin for becoming Chair. He looks forward to Chair Laughlin's tenure. He expressed appreciation to the Committees for their reports today. He thanked Mr. Price and Keith Palchikoff, GVEA, for their work on the PSS/E and Synchrophasor efforts.

Vice-Chair Bishop thanked Mr. Zellers for his tenure as Chair, and thanked Chair Laughlin for becoming Chair. He reiterated the appreciation to AEA staff members and utilities for their work on the Synchrophasor Project, the grants, and the PSS/E efforts.

Mr. Price thanked Mr. Zellers for his tenure as Chair. He wished Chair Laughlin good luck and is looking forward to the next year. Mr. Price discussed a process question regarding the PSS/E. He noted there are contract work deadlines approaching. The cost share discussion can be tabled to another time. Before AEA signs the final documents with Siemens for the software, Mr. Price needs to know if the utilities want to have an IMC approval point or if the utilities can provide individual email confirmations of approval. Mr. Price reiterated that the agreement between AEA and Siemens is for the software, and does not include how the software is shared or how the costs are shared. If there needs to be IMC approval, then a meeting will need to be scheduled. Mr. Price apologized for the last-minute request.

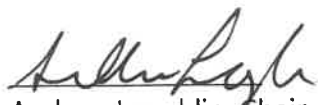
Chair Laughlin indicated that CEA supports email confirmation. He noted that there were no objections from CEA and GVEA for email confirmation.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 25, 2026

Chair Laughlin stated that the next meeting date is September 25, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the IMC, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.



Andrew Laughlin, Chair



Bill Price, AEA Secretary