

Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Program Progress Report

Grantee: Alaska Power Company

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Period of Report: Second Quarter 2008 (April 1 through June 30, 2008)

Project Name: Tok-Chistochina Regional Intertie Project

Project activities completed:

Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- Right-of-way cleared, brush chipped, and saleable logs moved to the public access area.
- Potential customers contacted, final paperwork prepared and executed, and accounts established.
- Remaining line extension pole were installed.
- Conductor was strung and prepared for final installation.
- Seven secondary services were built.

Mentasta to Broken Bridge

- A tentative site meeting was scheduled for mid July with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) realty officer and wildlife biologist.
- AP&T staff met on site with subcontractors regarding right-of-way clearing.
- AP&T staff conducted site tours with prospective line construction contractors.
- Northern Land Use Research, Inc (NLUR) was contact to conduct the required Section 106 archaeological studies.

Slana, Grizzly Lake, Indian River Circuit

- Right-of-way clearing was bid, site visits were made with potential subcontractors and contract awarded.
- NLUR conducted the State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO) required Section 106 archaeological studies for the entire 18 miles. A cache pit was located in the Indian River vicinity.
- SHPO allowed the first eight miles of right-of-way clearing to begin with stipulation to avoid the cache pit site.
- Approximately six miles of right-of-way was cleared.
- Materials for the first four miles delivered to site and materials for the next four miles ordered.
- AP&T staff conducted site meetings with individuals to address their personal concerns.
- Two individuals offered renewable power possibilities of a small creek hydroelectric and wind generation. Follow up survey will be conducted.
- AP&T staff met with the National Park Service Geologist and Land Manager about building line through the preserve to a potential customer.

Project existing or potential problems:

- BLM notified AP&T that due to threatened Trumpeter Swans living in the Mentasta and Mineral Lakes areas will necessitate an Environmental Assessment (EA) be conducted in addition to the Section 106 archaeological studies.
- The presences of cache pit in the Indian River vicinity caused the SHPO to require studies of the cache pit to determine if it is a historical site once the ground thaws. This could delay construction until August. This could mandate rerouting the line.
- A meeting with National Park Service personnel confirmed potential difficulties announcing that an EA will be required. The director of the park service in Washington, DC, will have to approve of line construction to a Cobb Lake customer.
- BIA forcing us to provide for survey of the Native allotments

Activities Targeted for Next Reporting Period, Third Quarter 2008:

Chistochina Line Extension

- More customers will return enabling their connection to power service

Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- BLM determine where we may build line & grant permit
- Get line rout marked and right-of-way cleared
- Order and deliver materials to construction site.

Slana, Grizzly Lake, Indian River Circuit

- Get line rout marked and right-of-way cleared.
- Deliver, frame, and set poles.
- String and prepare conductor for final installation.
- Archaeologist complete Indian River cache pit area survey work.
- Build secondary services to residents.

Mentasta to Broken Bridge

- Obtain required paperwork from native landowners.
- BLM grant utility easement.
- Begin right-of-way clearing