

Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Program Progress Report

Grantee: Alaska Power Company

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Period of Report: Third Quarter 2008 (July 1 through September 30, 2008)

Project Name: Tok-Chistochina Regional Intertie Project

Project activities completed:

Mentasta to Broken Bridge

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced that although threatened Trumpeter Swans seasonally live in the Mentasta and Mineral Lakes areas, BLM has no jurisdiction over the areas as it is native owned; therefore, no Environmental Assessment (EA) is required.
- AP&T staff accompanied timber harvesting business owners and electrical contractors on site visits to discuss the project and to accept bids.
- AP&T staff visited potential customers' residences to discuss their lines and meter base placement.

Slana, Grizzly Lake, Indian River Circuit

- The BLM Realty Officer allowed for line construction on the south side of the highway.
- After awarding the contract, the contractor cleared approximately 12 miles of right-of-way.
- Northern Land Use Research (NLUR) concluded the archaeological studies on the Indian River cache pit site as required by State Historic & Preservation Office (SHPO), Section 106.
- Remaining line material ordered and delivered to site.
- AP&T staff explored several sites for potential renewable power; including a small creek hydroelectric and a wind power.
- Nearly ten miles of line in this area were completed.

Project existing or potential problems:

- The Nodwell tracked vehicle was set on fire while siphoning fuel in an fuel theft. The fire destroyed the vehicle. AP&T staff is attempting to locate a replacement vehicle.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) mandating a survey of the Native allotments
- The potential discovery of archaeological or cultural findings during ground disturbing activities continues to be of concern.
- A meeting with National Park Service (NPS) 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.

Activities Targeted for Next Reporting Period, Forth Quarter 2008:

Slana, Grizzly Lake, Indian River Circuit

- Primary line construction completed and line energized.
- Secondary lines in proximity to the highway built and energized.
- Work through NPS utility easement access issue to a potential customer.

Chistochina to Indian River

- Primary line construction completed and line energized.
- Secondary lines in proximity to the highway built and energized.

Indian River to Grizzly Lake

- Primary line construction completed and line energized.
- Secondary tap lines in close vicinity to the highway built and energized

Mentasta to Broken Bridge

- Obtain required easement and right-of-way documentation for native allotments and landowners.
- All archaeological studies finished and have reports submitted for review.
- Begin clearing right-of-way.