

Sponsored by: Assemblymember Nowers
Adopted: 03/05/24

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-032**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY'S HOUSE BILL 307 AND SENATE BILL 217 TO REDUCE ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO NEW POWER GENERATION THAT COULD OTHERWISE BENEFIT ALASKAN RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, Borough residents and businesses pay some of the highest rates in the country for electricity; and,

WHEREAS, the future supply of local natural gas, which supplies 85 percent of Mat-Su's electricity, is uncertain and the cost of importing natural gas could significantly increase prices; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy has introduced HB307 and SB217 to help stabilize costs by eliminating artificial barriers to building new power generation and by reducing the cost of transmitting power through the Railbelt grid which serves Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kenai, and Mat-Su; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation would specifically level the playing field by amending AS 10.25.540(b) so that Independent Power Producers to sell their power to nonprofit electric utilities are taxed at the same rate as the utilities, and by directing the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to revise the current system of transmission fees charged between Railbelt

utilities to allow for the economic dispatch of the lowest-cost power at all times; and,

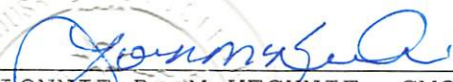
WHEREAS, both measures seek to reduce artificial barriers to new power generation that can otherwise deliver benefits to Alaska consumers and help stabilize energy costs for Mat-Su residents and businesses served by the Railbelt grid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough supports passage of House Bill 307 and Senate Bill 217.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 5 day of March, 2024.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


JONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Gamble, Fonov, and
Bernier