

STATE OF ALASKA  
REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Before Commissioners: Robert M. Pickett, Chairman  
Stephen McAlpine  
T.W. Patch  
Norman Rokeberg  
Janis W. Wilson

In the Matter of the Tariff Revision )  
Designated as TA332-121 Filed by )  
Municipality of Anchorage dba ) U-13-184  
Municipal Light and Power Department )  
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BEFORE JOHN P. WOOD  
Administrative Law Judge

Date: 12-1-17 Exh # H-53  
**Regulatory Commission of Alaska**  
U-16-094 By: APS U-17-008  
Northern Lights Realtime & Reporting, Inc.  
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1 entering into SPP, specifically, a third  
2 interconnection with the other Railbelt  
3 utilities, a third interconnection with  
4 Chugach Electric in the southwest corner of  
5 our system where for the last -- since the  
6 early 2000s where there's been significant  
7 load growth in our system, I'll just call the  
8 J&L towers area.

9                   So having another rigid  
10 connection to generation in the southwest  
11 portion of ML&P's service territory was  
12 fortuitous because number one, the more  
13 handshakes you have with your various  
14 utilities, arguably the better reliability  
15 the grid is as a whole, so that's a good  
16 thing.

17                   But, two, we can now pump or push  
18 power from SPP into a high load growth area  
19 of our service territory. And I believe,  
20 although it's not my specific area of  
21 expertise, I believe it has allowed for the  
22 deferment of capital upgrades to ML&P  
23 transmission lines and pushed those way out  
24 the road because of this new connection to  
25 SPP.