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Honorable Kevin Meyer, President of the Senate
Honorable Mike Chenault, Speaker of the House

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Respectfully,

Robert M. Pickett

Rebecca L. Pauli

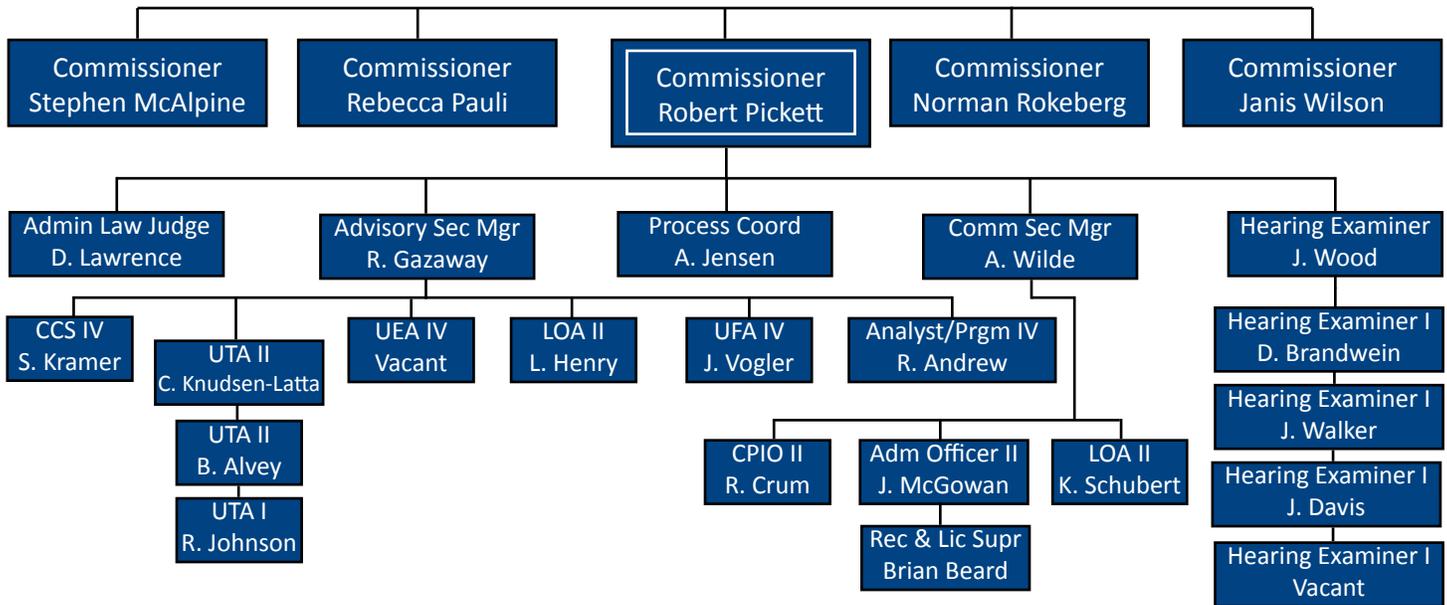
Norman Rokeberg

Janis W. Wilson

Stephen McAlpine

Commission Organization as of June 30, 2016

Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 State of Alaska
 Department of Commerce and Economic Development



UTA: Utility Tariff Analyst
 UFA: Utility Financial Analyst
 UEA: Utility Engineering Analyst
 LOA: Law Office Assistant
 CPIO: Consumer Protection & Information Officer
 CCS: Communications Common Carrier Specialist
 MCN Spec: Microcomputer/Network Specialist

Commissioners	Advisory Section	Finance Section	Commission Section	Administrative Support
Robert Pickett, Chairman	Richard Gazaway	Julie Vogler	Ann Wilde	Joyce McGowan
Stephen McAlpine	Lael Henry	Kevin AufDerHeide	Kristin Schubert	Cathy Hosler
Rebecca Pauli	Raiza Ting	Brenda Cox	Debbie Chung	Dorothy Tauaese-Puletapuai
Norman Rokeberg	Nathan Williams	John White	Anne Marie Jensen	
Janis Wilson			Gary Stein	
	Common Carrier Section	Information Systems		Consumer Protection Section
Administrative Law Section	Steven Kramer	Randahl Andrew	Records & Filing Section	Rodney Crum
John P. "JP" Wood	John Paul "Jess" Manaos	Kevin Luckey	Brian Beard	Kali Hulquist
Deb Brandwein	David Parrish	Alan Swircenski	Melissa Gray	Steve Jones
Jeffrey Davis	Ryan Ponder		Katey Lamberson	
Jim Walker		Tariff Section	"Tina" Palesitina Mafuao	Assistant Attorney General
Chris Breton	Engineering Section	Becki Alvey	Malissa Suson	Stuart Goering
Annabel Charoensook	Keven Kleweno	Richelle Johnson	Darsha Tobin	Megyn Greider
Samantha Christenson	James "Jay" Layne	Claire Knudsen-Latta		
Connie Peterson	Cameron Rollins			



Robert M. Pickett
 Commission Chairman
 Appointed: March 7, 2008 - March 1, 2020 (Reappointed: April 17, 2014)
 Chair: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011; July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015;
 March 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Biographies

Commissioner Robert Pickett was appointed by Governor Sarah Palin to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in January 2008. After election by his fellow commissioners, he began serving as Chairman of the Commission on July 1, 2008. In 2014 Governor Sean Parnell appointed Commissioner Pickett to a second term.

Before his appointment to the Commission, Commissioner Pickett had more than 30 years of statewide experience in Alaska's housing industry, in both the private and public sectors. For twenty-one years, Commissioner Pickett worked for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) in a number of roles including Property Disposition Manager, Planner, and Program Manager. Promotion of public-private partnerships in the housing industry, and interagency coordination with housing related infrastructure were areas of Commissioner Pickett's emphasis while working at AHFC. His prior work experience also includes consulting, real estate sales and marketing, management of a materials testing laboratory for the Alaska Department of Transportation, and surveying for the U.S. Forest Service in Southeast Alaska.

Commissioner Pickett has a B.A. in Public Administration/Political Science from the University of Idaho, and has been married for more than 32 years to his wife Jane.

Commission Finances

The table below summarizes the Commission's expenditures for the past five fiscal years. The funding source for almost all of these expenditures was the regulatory cost charges paid by regulated entities. Expenditures for public advocacy, the responsibility of the Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy section within the Department of Law, are excluded from the amounts shown. In FY2016, the Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy section was appropriated \$1,732,600 from fees paid by regulated entities.

Commission Expenditures, FY2012 Through FY2016

DESCRIPTION	FY12 ACTUALS	FY13 ACTUALS	FY14 ACTUALS	FY15 ACTUALS	FY16 ACTUALS
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$5,756,941	\$6,091,300	\$6,250,299	\$6,549,724	\$6,185,858
TRAVEL	\$105,053	\$99,903	\$69,591	\$65,271	\$60,632
CONTRACTUAL	\$1,554,548	\$1,697,469	\$1,737,924	\$2,042,576	\$1,571,103
SUPPLIES	\$202,396	\$174,709	\$171,897	\$148,488	\$126,186
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,193	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,618,938	\$8,063,381	\$8,235,904	\$8,806,059	\$7,943,779



Stephen A. McAlpine
Commissioner
Appointed: March 1, 2015 - March 1, 2021



Rebecca L. Pauli
Commissioner
Appointed: March 1, 2016 - March 1, 2022

Commissioner Stephen McAlpine was appointed by Governor Bill Walker to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska for a six-year term beginning March 1, 2015. Commissioner McAlpine was raised in Washington State. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Seattle University School of Law. Commissioner McAlpine came to Alaska in 1970 when he settled in Valdez, Alaska. While living in Valdez, he was elected to the city council and was twice elected as its Mayor. In 1982, he was elected to his first of two terms as Alaska's Lieutenant Governor. In that capacity he was selected by his peers as both the Vice Chairman and Chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors. In 1988, he was selected as a Toll Fellow by the National Conference of State Governments. He served as Chairman of Westrends, liaison to the Western Conference of State Legislators, and a member of the National Conference of Secretaries of State.

Commissioner McAlpine currently resides in Anchorage, Alaska, with his wife, Dana. His professional career has included a wide variety of legal matters for hundreds of individual and corporate clients in civil, criminal, and administrative law at both the state and federal levels. During his professional career he has served on numerous state and local boards and commissions and on the Board of Directors of several corporations and nonprofit organizations.

Commissioner Rebecca Pauli is a life-long Alaskan. She is a 1989 graduate of the Seattle University School of Law. Upon graduation Commissioner Pauli returned to Alaska and obtained a position clerking for the superior court in Kenai. When her clerkship ended she took a position as an Assistant Municipal Attorney II for the Municipality of Anchorage. While at the Municipality of Anchorage, Commissioner Pauli also served as special assistant to the General Manager, Municipal Light and Power. From 1995-2000, Commissioner Pauli was in private practice. Her practice focused on the representation of rural cooperatives and for-profit utilities. She was actively involved in the transition to a competitive marketplace under the Telecom Act of 1996.

In 2000, Commissioner Pauli left private practice to become the Executive Director of the Nordic Skiing Association of Alaska. In 2002, she became a member of the administrative judiciary when she joined the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board as a hearing officer. In 2007, she joined the Office of Administrative Hearings as an administrative law judge where she remained until her 2016 appointment to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska by Governor Bill Walker. Governor Walker's appointment brings Commissioner Pauli's career full circle, back to utilities. Commissioner Pauli lives in Anchorage with her husband of 24 years, Matthew, and their three dogs.



Norman Rokeberg
Commissioner

Appointed: February 19, 2013 - March 1, 2019



Janis W. Wilson
Commissioner

Appointed: April 11, 2006 - March 1, 2018
Reappointed: April 1, 2012

Commissioner Rokeberg is a life-long Alaskan. He graduated from Anchorage High School (1961). He served in the US Army Signal Corps, 7th Army, Europe (1964 -1966) and returned to Alaska where since 1967 he has been a successful small businessman. In 1971 he earned a degree from Willamette University (Political Science). Commissioner Rokeberg was for many years a successful Commercial Real Estate Broker specializing in leasing and development of major office buildings. He established the commercial properties leasing and property management departments at the state's largest real estate firm.

In 1995, Commissioner Rokeberg was elected to the Alaska State House of Representatives where he served for six consecutive terms. During his service to Alaska in the State Legislature he was selected by his peers to serve as Chairman of the Rules, Judiciary, Labor & Commerce, and Oil & Gas Committees. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Council of State Governments (West) and the Energy Council. From 2007 to 2010, he was Chairman of various State of Alaska Advisory Working Groups, including the Alaska Railbelt Electric Grid Authority (REGA) and the Alaska Railbelt Regional Integrated Resource Planning Group (RIPA) administered by the Alaska Energy Authority.

Commissioner Wilson is an attorney, admitted to practice law in Alaska since 1975. She was a Commissioner and the last Chairman of the Alaska Pipeline Commission (APC), the agency created to administer AS 42.06, the Pipeline Act. In 1981 the APC merged into the Alaska Public Utilities Commission (APUC). Commissioner Wilson served as an administrative law judge for the APUC and its successor agency, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), from the time of the merger until her appointment to the Commission in 2006.

Commissioner Wilson has extensive experience in oil and gas pipeline issues. As an APC commissioner and an administrative law judge she worked closely with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which regulates interstate oil and gas pipelines. She conducted all proceedings the APC, APUC, or RCA held concurrently with the FERC from 1980 to 2006. Earlier in her career, Commissioner Wilson was City Attorney for the City of Kenai and an Assistant Attorney General in Juneau, serving in the Oil and Gas Special Litigation section.

Commissioner Wilson earned an undergraduate degree in Economics from Mount Holyoke College and a law degree from the University of Denver.

Statutory Timeline Extensions

The Commission issued 16 orders in FY2016 that either extended or stayed the AS 42.05.175 timeline for docketed matters. The table below provides additional details. The Commission extended one statutory timeline on its own motion. This report does not include extensions on pipeline dockets, which do not fall under AS 42.05. The Chairman may set a timeline pursuant to his authority under AS 42.04.070(a)(3). Any extension of that timeline is not included below.

Docket	Parties	Order Date	Extended by Consent of Parties	Extended for Good Cause by Commission	Docket Timeline Authority
R-13-002	Regulations Proceeding	8/21/2015		1	AS 42.05.175(e)
U-08-028	Valley Water-Investigation	8/7/2015	1		AS 42.05.175(k)
U-13-168/U-13-169/ U-13-170/U-13-171/ U-13-172/U-13-173/ U-13-174/U-13-175/ U-13-176/U-13-177/ U-13-178/U-13-179	Doyon Utilities-Revenue Requirement Studies	4/25/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-14-104/U-14-105/ U-14-106/U-14-107	Alaska Waste-Revenue Requirement Studies	11/15/2015	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-14-111	ENSTAR-Cost of Service/ Revenue Requirement Study	9/29/2015	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-15-016	Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage-Tariff Revision	10/31/2015	1		AS 42.05.175(b)
U-15-081	Chugach-Revenue Requirement Study	5/4/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-15-093	TDX North Slope-Revenue Requirement Study	3/18/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-15-094	Homer Electric-Depreciation	8/27/2015	1		AS 42.05.175(i)
U-15-095	Sand Point Generating-Cost of Service Study	9/15/2015	1		AS 42.05.175(i)
U-15-101	Sandlake Service-Revenue Requirement Study	10/15/2015 2/15/2015	2		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-15-107	Potter Creek Water-Revenue Requirement Study	5/12/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-15-127/U-15-128/ U-15-129/U-15-130/ U-15-131/U-15-132/ U-15-133/U-15-134/ U-15-135/U-15-136/ U-15-137/U-15-138	Doyon Utilities-Revenue Requirement Studies	4/25/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
U-15-139	ACS of Anchorage-Petition for Nondominant Carrier Designation	2/24/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(i)
U-15-141	Homer Electric-Revenue Requirement/Rate Design	2/4/2016	1		AS 42.05.175(c)
Total			15	1	

About the Commission

How the Commission Works

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska has broad authority to regulate public utilities and pipeline carriers throughout the State. The Commission currently monitors over 500 active certificates and regulates a broad range of services, from small water and wastewater systems with provisional certificates to large fully regulated telecommunications, electric, and natural gas monopolies.

Authority

The Commission is created by statute (AS 42.04), and is required by statute to regulate public utilities (AS 42.05) and pipeline carriers (AS 42.06). The Commission is also required by statute (AS 42.45) to determine the per kilowatt-hour support for eligible customers of electric utilities under the Power Cost Equalization program.

Structure

Five full-time Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature for staggered six-year terms. Commissioners elect a Chair each year whose administrative duties include employing staff, assigning docket work, coordinating public meeting activities, and monitoring the Commission's adjudication process to ensure timely decisions. The Chair serves as agency liaison to the legislative and executive branches of state government and acts as agency spokesperson on policy issues.

Commission staff includes administrative law judges, engineering analysts, financial analysts, telecommunications specialists, tariff analysts, consumer protection officers, paralegals, administrative personnel, and support staff. The Commission also receives legal advice from counsel assigned to the agency by the Department of Law.

Process

The Commission performs both quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial functions when performing the duties assigned by statute. Quasi-legislative functions include adopting regulations through a public process that complies with the Administrative Procedure Act. Quasi-judicial functions include using an informal public adjudication process to resolve utility tariff filings, and issuing written decisions to resolve docketed matters (cases) with or without a hearing.

Whether a quasi-judicial or quasi-legislative process is used, the procedure must afford participants due process and the resulting decision must be based on evidence of record in the docket. Statutory timelines necessitate tight scheduling of dockets, but this scheduling must accommodate the due process rights of docket participants.

Parties participating in a docketed matter may include the subject public utility or pipeline carrier, the Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy section of the Attorney General's Office, and interested entities that have been awarded intervention status for the proceeding. For regulations dockets, any interested person is allowed to submit comments during the public comment period.

Cases raise issues of law, economics, accounting, finance, and engineering that can establish legal precedent for future cases. In cases that go to hearing, parties present sworn testimony and documentary evidence on the matters at issue. Witnesses may be cross-examined by the attorneys representing each party.

One of the Commission's most important duties is to reach decisions that consider competing interests of concerned parties and promote the public interest. Decisions may be appealed to state or federal court, and must be consistent with applicable law and supported by evidence in the record.

What does the Regulatory Commission regulate?

Most entities providing telecommunications, electric, natural gas, water, sewer, refuse, or steam services to ten or more customers for compensation are required to have a certificate before providing service. The Commission also regulates natural gas storage service.

How does the Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulate?

Commission regulation takes several forms. Examples are stated below.

- A public utility or pipeline carrier seeking to provide service to the public for compensation must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) describing the authorized service area and scope of operations. The Commission reviews

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the application to ensure the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide the service and that the service is required by the public convenience and necessity.

- With the exception of non-economically regulated utilities,¹ the Commission regulates the rates, services, and practices of utilities and pipeline carriers that meet the criteria for a certificate. The Commission reviews tariff filings by utilities or pipeline carriers seeking changes in rates or terms of service. If the filing implicates issues that cannot be resolved within the short period allowed for initial review of tariffs, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and initiates an investigation.
- The Commission may investigate some aspects of utility service. Examples include investigations into service quality or the management practices of a regulated utility. The Commission resolves complaints involving public utilities, whether the complaint is between utilities or involves a consumer. Consumer complaints regarding utility service may involve an informal complaint process addressed by the agency's Consumer Protection section, or a more formal complaint process determined by a panel of Commissioners.

Core Services

The Commission oversees regulated entities through certification, regulation of rates and services, tariff review, dispute resolution, and consumer protection services. The Commission also calculates subsidy rates for the Power Cost Equalization program and serves as an information resource for the executive and legislative branches of government.

How can the public participate in proceedings before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska?

In addition to formal intervention in a docketed proceeding, the public is provided the opportunity to comment on docketed issues, tariff filings, and proposed regulations. In each instance, the Commission provides notice to the public and invites comment. Public notices appear as newspaper advertisements or are otherwise disseminated as required by statute or regulation. Some notices are also provided directly by the utilities in the form of flyers mailed with utility bills. The Commission then acts to approve, modify, or deny the proposal after comments, other filings, and a hearing, if necessary.

¹ Some utilities are not economically regulated because they are under a revenue threshold (e.g. electric or telephone utilities grossing less than \$50,000 annually), provide a type of service that is exempted by statute (e.g., cable television service providers), or have a statutory right to seek an exemption (e.g., some local government-owned utilities, cooperative utilities, and electric or telephone utilities grossing less than \$500,000 annually) (AS 42.05.711 and AS 42.05.712). The Commission may also exempt a class of utilities from some or all of AS 42.05 based on a finding that the exemption is in the public interest (AS 42.05.711(d)).

Commission Proceedings

Number of Decisions by Fiscal Year

Commission Orders	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Substantive					
Final	131	135	87	62	98
Non-Final	155	139	139	131	118
Total Substantive	286	274	226	193	216
All Others	204	302	173	179	185
Total Orders	490	576	399	372	401

Consumer Protection Section Information - Number of Informal Complaints

Complaints	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cable	17	8	3	3	1
Electric	106	83	41	29	36
Gas*	32	26	11	16	11
Internet	Not Tallied	Not Tallied	11	11	9
Pipeline	0	0	1	1	0
Refuse	29	14	5	9	9
Telecommunications	113	85	49	52	53
Water & Wastewater	37	15	12	17	7
Total Complaints	334	231	133	138	126

* Gas is a combination of Natural Gas and Natural Gas Storage.

Commission decision and informal complaint counts may differ slightly from counts in previous years due to corrections to data in the Commission's case management system.

Commission Statistics

Performance Measures

Mission

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska assures viable utility and pipeline service is provided at just and reasonable rates to consumers in Alaska.

Target # 1: Review all utility and pipeline filings within applicable timelines.

Status # 1: 390 tariff filings were processed in FY2016, with one tariff filing taking effect by force of law due to the Commission's failure to act within the statutory timeline.

Number of Tariff Filings by Fiscal Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pending (Beginning of FY)	184	56	45	49	57
Opened (During FY)	570	325	382	459	380
Closed (During FY)	698	336	378	451	390
Pending (End of FY)	56	45	49	57	47

Target # 2: Review all utility and pipeline filings with applicable timelines.

Status # 2: In addition to tariff filings, the Commission must process docketed matters within applicable timelines. The Commission completed all docketed matters within applicable timelines. The only filing not processed within the applicable timeline is the tariff matter referenced above.

Number of U, P, and R Dockets by Fiscal Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pending (Beginning of FY)	126	155	219	164	172
Opened (During the FY)	213	218	171	147	135
Closed (During the FY)	184	155	226	140	189
Pending (End of FY)	155	219	164	172	118

Target # 3: Complete disposition of all informal complaints within established timelines.

Status # 3: While there are no statutory or regulatory timelines for informal complaints proceedings, the Commission strives to resolve informal complaints expeditiously. In FY2016, 113 of 121 informal complaints were resolved within 30 days.

Number of Informal Complaints	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	334	231	133	138	126

Target # 4: Participate in outreach opportunities to consumers.

Status # 4: The Commission continued to participate in events to educate ratepayers about utility rates and services, participating in consumer protection education at four events and participating in two local seminars.

Docket and matter counts may differ slightly from counts in previous years due to corrections to data in the Commission's case management system.

Tariff Review

Tariffs are written terms, conditions, rules, and rates governing utility operations when providing public utility service. All regulated utilities and pipeline carriers are required to maintain and operate under the terms of a tariff. Initial tariffs are submitted prior to the regulated utility commencing service, and subsequent changes must be submitted to the Commission for review.

The Commission reviews tariff filings that dictate the business operations of regulated utilities and pipeline carriers. If Commission review of the tariff filing is not complete within the established timeline, the utility's requested change automatically goes into effect by force of law.

The review process (prescribed by AS 42.05.361 – AS 42.05.441) includes a period for public comment and allows the Commission to approve, reject, or suspend the tariff filing for further investigation. Most tariff revisions must be approved by the Commission before taking effect, although certain types of utility tariff revisions are informational and may take effect without formal Commission approval.

Review, analysis, and disposition of tariff filings are substantial elements of the Commission's workload. During FY2016, 390 filings were processed by the Commission. The following table lists the disposition of tariff revisions for FY2016 by utility type.

Utility Type	Number of Tariff Filings	Approved	Rejected	Suspended	Withdrawn	Effective Upon Filing	Took Effect	Took Effect Force of Law
Cable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electric	156	140	3	9	1	3	0	0
Gas	18	14	0	1	0	3	0	0
Gas Storage	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Pipeline	21	12	1	8	0	0	0	0
Refuse	55	46	1	0	0	0	8	0
Sewer	15	6	0	9	0	0	0	0
Steam Heat	8	1	0	2	0	5	0	0
Telecomm (AOS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telecomm (Directory)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telecomm (Certificated IXC)	11	4	0	0	0	0	7	0
Telecomm (LEC)	66	56	1	0	0	9	0	0
Telecomm (PPTP)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telecomm (Registered IXC)	11	0	1	0	1	0	8	1
Telecomm (TRS)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water	23	11	0	12	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	390	294	7	41	2	22	23	1

Tariff revisions for long distance telephone, competitive refuse, and steam heat service may take effect automatically after 30 days. Some non-dominant competitive local telephone service tariff filings are effective upon filing with the Commission.

Open Dockets and Statutory Timelines

A list of dockets open during FY2016 follows. Docket listings identify the applicable statutory timeline and extension (if any), the statutory authority for the timeline, and the date a final order was issued in the docket. The Commission's compliance with the applicable statutory timelines has only been verified for final orders issued in FY2016.

While pipeline dockets are not subject to statutory timelines as stated at AS 42.05.175, some pipeline dockets will have a timeline listed because either (1) the docket concerns an application subject to a regulation requirement that the application be ruled on within a specified time frame, or (2) the Commission Chairman establishes a deadline for completion of the docket, exercising his authority under AS 42.04.070(a)(3).

Most regulation dockets are subject to the statutory timeline stated at AS 42.05.175(e). However, regulation dockets that are opened pursuant to a statutory delegation outside of AS 42.05 are not subject to the AS 42.05.175 timelines.

Regulation Dockets Open During FY2016

Docket Number	Description	Date Opened	Statutory Timeline	Timeline Extension	Timeline Authority	Final Order Date
R-05-005	Standards for E911 Service	10/13/05			Not Applicable	12/7/15
R-08-001	Small Hydroelectric Projects	1/22/08			Not Applicable	
R-13-002	Petition for Rulemaking (Alaska Environmental Power)-Avoided Cost Rate	8/23/13	8/23/15	11/21/15	AS 42.05.175(e)	11/20/15
R-14-001	Tariff Filing Requirements (Competitive Local Exchange Markets)	11/13/14	11/12/16		AS 42.05.175(e)	6/3/16
R-15-001	Power Cost Equalization	3/31/15	3/30/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	7/28/15
R-15-002	Electronic Filing (Non-docketed Matters)	4/3/15	4/2/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	
R-15-003	Telephone Directories	4/15/15	4/14/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	10/5/15
R-15-004	Ongoing Reporting Obligations	7/13/15	7/12/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	
R-15-005	Annual Operations Reports	7/15/15	7/14/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	
R-15-006	Tariff Form and Filing Requirements	8/21/15	8/20/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	
R-15-007	Petition for Rule Making (GCI)-Expand AUSF Contribution Base	11/10/15	11/9/17		AS 42.05.175(e)	

Pipeline Dockets Open During FY2016

Docket Number	Description	Date Opened	Statutory Timeline	Timeline Extension	Timeline Authority	Final Order Date
P-04-021	Discontinue Use of Facilities-TAPS	10/7/04			Not Applicable	
P-08-009	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	10/31/08			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-08-013	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (ExxonMobil)	12/24/08			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-09-005	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Koch)	1/13/09			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-09-006	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Unocal)	1/13/09			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-09-010	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	7/31/09			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-09-012	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Koch)	9/29/09			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-09-015	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (ExxonMobil)	12/22/09			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-10-005	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Unocal)	1/25/10			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-10-010	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	8/20/10			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-10-013	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Koch)	9/30/10			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-11-006	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (ExxonMobil)	1/20/11			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-11-009	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Unocal)	3/29/11			Not Applicable	2/29/16
P-11-011	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	6/17/11			Not Applicable	
P-11-012	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Koch)	7/13/11			Not Applicable	
P-11-022	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (Unocal)	12/29/11			Not Applicable	
P-12-013	Temporary Suspension of Service-Unocal	6/28/12			Not Applicable	
P-12-015	Certificate Application-PTE Pipeline (Point Thomson Export Pipeline)	7/17/12	1/17/13		3 AAC 48.661(a)	11/30/12
P-12-016	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (ExxonMobil)	7/26/12			Not Applicable	
P-12-017	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	8/31/12			Not Applicable	
P-13-005	Connection Permit Application-PTE Pipeline	3/28/13	6/28/13	8/16/13	AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	8/16/13
P-13-009	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (ExxonMobil)	5/30/13			Not Applicable	
P-13-010	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	8/12/13			Not Applicable	
P-13-012	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (BPTA)	10/22/13			Not Applicable	
P-14-005	Quality Bank Methodology	2/5/14			Not Applicable	
P-14-008	Transfer of Controlling Interest-Anchor Point Energy to Cook Inlet Energy	2/10/14	8/10/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	8/8/14
P-14-009	Transfer Controlling Interest-Tesoro Corporation to Tesoro Logistics Pipeline	3/19/14	9/19/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	9/8/14
P-14-014	Transfer Controlling Interest-BPTA's Interest in Northstar to Harvest Alaska	5/29/14	11/29/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	11/7/14

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P-14-015	Transfer Controlling Interest-BPTA's Interest in Northstar to Harvest (Natural Gas Pipeline)	5/29/14	11/29/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	11/7/14
P-14-016	Transfer Controlling Interest-BPTA's Interest in Milne Point to Harvest (Oil Pipeline)	5/29/14	11/29/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	11/7/14
P-14-017	Transfer Controlling Interest-BPTA's Interest in Milne Point to Harvest	5/29/14	11/29/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	11/7/14
P-14-018	Transfer Controlling Interest-BPTA and Amoco's Interest in Endicott to Harvest	5/29/14	11/29/14		3 AAC 48.661(d)	11/7/14
P-14-020	Facilities Interconnection Agreement-Cook Inlet Gas Gathering System with Tesoro	6/20/14	12/19/14		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	11/28/14
P-14-023	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (ExxonMobil)	8/29/14			Not Applicable	
P-14-024	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TAPS (CPTAI)	8/29/14			Not Applicable	
P-14-029	Certificate Amendment-KBPL (Compressor Modification)	12/5/14	6/5/15		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	6/1/15
P-15-006	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Oliktok Pipeline	4/17/15			Not Applicable	12/30/15
P-15-007	Connection Permit Application-KBPL to Furie	4/29/15	10/29/15		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	7/29/15
P-15-011	Certificate Transfer-Hilcorp Alaska to Swanson River Oil Pipeline	5/29/15	11/29/15		3 AAC 48.661(c)	11/25/15
P-15-012	Connection Agreement and Permit Application-PTE Pipeline	7/31/15	1/31/16		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	11/4/15
P-15-013	Transfer Controlling Interest-ExxonMobil's Interest in PTE Pipeline to BPTA	8/27/15	2/26/16	4/26/16	AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	4/21/16
P-15-014	Compliance Filing (Initial Tariff)-PTE Pipeline	9/23/15			Not Applicable	
P-15-015	Connection Agreement-KBPL	11/4/15	5/4/16		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	4/26/16
P-15-016	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Endicott	12/28/15			Not Applicable	12/28/15
P-15-017	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Milne Point	12/28/15			Not Applicable	12/28/15
P-15-018	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Northstar	12/28/15			Not Applicable	12/28/15
P-15-019	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Nutaq/Badami	12/28/15			Not Applicable	12/28/15
P-15-020	Simplified Pipeline Tariff-Hilcorp/Swanson River	12/28/15			Not Applicable	
P-15-021	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Cook Inlet Pipe Line	12/30/15			Not Applicable	
P-16-001	Certificate Amendment-Milne Point (Gas)	5/3/16	11/3/16		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	
P-16-002	FY2017 Regulatory Cost Charge (Pipeline Carriers)	5/19/16	8/17/16		3 AAC 47.030	6/27/16
P-16-003	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Nutaq/Badami	5/31/16			Not Applicable	5/31/16
P-16-004	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-KBPL	6/30/16			Not Applicable	

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U-08-028	Investigation (Quality of Service)-Valley Water	2/25/08	3/31/10	12/31/16	AS 42.05.175(k)	
U-09-095	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Sand Point	8/31/09	10/8/10		AS 42.05.175(c)	8/18/10
U-11-129	Chugach/Fire Island Wind Progress Reports	11/10/11			Not Applicable	
U-12-009	Depreciation Rates-Chugach	2/22/12	8/20/12	8/31/12	AS 42.05.175(i)	8/31/12
U-12-076	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-077	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-078	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-079	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-080	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-081	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-082	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-083	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-084	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-085	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-086	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-12-087	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	6/8/12	8/16/13	6/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	11/3/15
U-13-168	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-169	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-170	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-171	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-172	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-173	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-174	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-175	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-176	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-177	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-178	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-179	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	9/30/13	11/8/14	4/21/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-13-183	Certificate Transfer-Gustavus Electric to Alaska Power Company	10/4/13	4/2/14		AS 42.05.175(a)(3)	12/20/13
U-13-184	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-ML&P	10/24/13	12/3/14	7/16/15	AS 42.05.175(c)	7/16/15

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U-13-201	Tariff Suspension (Water Rates)-AWWU	12/30/13	2/7/15	8/13/15	AS 42.05.175(c)	5/29/15
U-13-202	Tariff Suspension (Wastewater Rates)-AWWU	12/30/13	2/7/15	8/13/15	AS 42.05.175(c)	5/29/15
U-13-203	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Homer Electric	12/30/13			AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-14-001	Tariff Suspension (Rates & Rules)-Chugach	1/2/14	2/12/15		AS 42.05.175(c)	2/12/15
U-14-002	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Alaska Power Company	1/13/14	2/20/15		AS 42.05.175(c)	12/11/14
U-14-102	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Fairbanks Natural Gas	8/13/14	9/23/15	3/31/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	10/29/15
U-14-104	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Alaska Waste Interior	9/15/14	10/23/15	5/26/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	4/6/16
U-14-105	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Waste Connection	9/15/14	10/23/15	5/26/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	4/6/16
U-14-106	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Alaska Waste Kenai	9/15/14	10/23/15	5/26/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	4/6/16
U-14-107	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Alaska Waste Matsu	9/15/14	10/23/15	5/26/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	4/6/16
U-14-108	Investigation (Quality of Service)-Delta Sanitation	9/16/14	9/16/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-14-111	Tariff Suspension-ENSTAR Natural Gas	10/27/14	12/4/15	12/11/15	AS 42.05.175(c)	9/29/15
U-14-113	Private Pay Telephone Application-Securus	11/13/14	5/12/15	6/12/15	AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	6/12/15
U-14-114	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-APES Juneau	12/4/14	1/13/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	11/23/15
U-14-115	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-APES Dutch Harbor	12/4/14	1/13/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	11/23/15
U-14-116	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-APES Nome	12/4/14	1/13/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	11/23/15
U-14-117	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-APES Ketchikan	12/4/14	1/13/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	11/23/15
U-14-118	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-APES Denali	12/4/14	1/13/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	11/23/15
U-15-002	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Fairbanks Natural Gas	1/7/15	8/22/15	12/22/15	AS 42.05.175(b)	10/29/15
U-15-004	Discontinue Service-Kodiak Radio	1/30/15	7/29/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	7/7/15
U-15-005	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-Alpat	2/2/15	8/1/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	7/8/15
U-15-006	Certificate Application-Rampart Village Electric	2/17/15	8/16/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	8/4/15
U-15-007	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-AP&T Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-008	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-ACS of Fairbanks	2/26/15	10/9/15		AS 42.05.175(b)	10/8/15
U-15-009	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-ACS of the Northland	2/26/15	10/9/15		AS 42.05.175(b)	10/8/15
U-15-010	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-ACS of Alaska	2/26/15	10/9/15		AS 42.05.175(b)	10/8/15
U-15-011	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-ACS of Anchorage	2/26/15	10/9/15		AS 42.05.175(b)	10/8/15
U-15-012	Certificate Application-Haida Energy (Electric)	2/26/15	8/25/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	8/24/15
U-15-013	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Mitel NetSolutions	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-016	Tariff Suspension (Rules)-CINGSA	3/16/15	10/27/15	12/4/15	AS 42.05.175(b)	12/4/15
U-15-017	2015 ETC Report-Adak Telephone Utility	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15

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U-15-018	2015 ETC Report-Windy City Cellular	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-019	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Securus	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-020	2015 ETC Report-Summit Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-021	2015 ETC Report-Cordova Telephone	3/23/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-022	2015 ETC Report-Arctic Slope Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-023	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-KPU Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-025	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-SBC Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-026	2015 ETC Report-Bush-Tell	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-027	2015 ETC Report-Nushagak Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-028	2015 ETC Report-Alaska Telephone Company	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-029	2015 ETC Report-Bettles Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-030	2015 ETC Report-North Country Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-031	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-France Telecom	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-032	2015 ETC Report-Cordova Wireless	3/26/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-033	2015 ETC Report-Yukon Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-035	2015 ETC Report-United Utilities	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-036	2015 ETC Report-United-KUC	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-037	2015 ETC Report-Circle Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-038	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Unicom	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-039	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-MTA Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-040	2015 ETC Report-Matanuska Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-041	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Alascom	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-042	2015 ETC Report-AT&T Mobility	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-043	2015 ETC Report-Bristol Bay Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-044	2015 ETC Report-Bristol Bay Cellular	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-045	2015 ETC Report-Copper Valley Telephone	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-046	2015 ETC Report-Copper Valley Wireless	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-047	2015 ETC Report-OTZ Telephone Cooperative	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-048	2015 ETC Report-OTZ Telecommunications	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-049	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Copper Valley Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15

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U-15-051	2015 ETC Report-GCI	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-052	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-GCI	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-053	Certificate Transfer-Copper Basin Sanitation	3/31/15	9/27/15		AS 42.05.175(k)	9/23/15
U-15-054	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-Copper Basin Sanitation	3/31/15	9/27/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	9/23/15
U-15-055	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-TelAlaska Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-056	2015 ETC Report-TelAlaska Cellular	3/31/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-057	2015 ETC Report-Interior Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-058	2015 ETC Report-Mukluk Telephone	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-059	2015 ETC Report-ACS Wireless	4/1/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-060	2015 ETC Report-ACS of Alaska	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-061	2015 ETC Report-ACS of Anchorage	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-062	2015 ETC Report-MTA Wireless	4/1/15	9/22/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-063	2015 ETC Report-ACS of Fairbanks	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-064	2015 ETC Report-ACS of the Northland	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-065	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-ACS Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-066	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-ASTAC Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-067	2015 ETC Report-Ketchikan Public Utilities	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-068	2015 ETC Report-KPU Wireless	4/23/15	4/22/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	9/9/15
U-15-069	Certificate Application-Delta Environmental	4/10/15	10/7/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	10/7/15
U-15-070	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Cordova Long Distance	4/30/15	4/29/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/8/15
U-15-071	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-Alpat	4/17/15	10/14/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	6/12/15
U-15-072	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-AWWU	4/21/15	10/18/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	10/16/15
U-15-073	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-AWWU	4/21/15	10/18/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	10/16/15
U-15-075	FY2015 Federal Intercarrier Compensation Support Information	4/27/15			Not Applicable	
U-15-076	Federal High-Cost/Low-Income/Mobility Fund Support Information	4/27/15			Not Applicable	
U-15-077	Federal Local Rate Floor Information	4/27/15			Not Applicable	
U-15-081	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Chugach	4/30/15	5/8/16	8/8/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	6/27/16
U-15-082	Acquisition of Controlling Interest-BlueArctic Waste Solutions to William Nicholas	5/6/15	11/2/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(4)	7/7/15

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U-15-084	Certificate Application-Wide Voice	5/7/15	11/3/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	11/2/15
U-15-085	Petition to Temporarily Suspend Service (Healy Lake)-Alaska Telephone Company (Telephone)	6/9/15	12/6/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/4/15
U-15-086	Petition to Temporarily Suspend Service (Healy Lake)-Alaska Power Company (Electric)	6/9/15	12/6/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/4/15
U-15-087	Certificate Amendment-Alaska Pipeline Company	6/9/15	12/6/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	12/4/15
U-15-088	Petition to Temporarily Suspend Service (Healy Lake)-AT&T Alaska (Long Distance)	6/10/15	12/7/15		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/4/15
U-15-089	Depreciation Study-College Utilities/Golden Heart Utilities	6/11/15	8/7/16		AS 42.05.175(k)	5/26/16
U-15-090	Acquisition of Controlling Interest-Fairbanks Natural Gas	6/15/15	12/12/15		AS 42.05.175(a)(4)	8/13/15
U-15-091	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-GHU/CUC	6/25/15	8/7/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	5/26/16
U-15-092	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-GHU/CUC	6/25/15	8/7/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	5/26/16
U-15-093	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-TDX North Slope	6/29/15	8/7/16	9/19/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	6/20/16
U-15-094	Depreciation Study-Homer Electric	7/2/15	12/29/15	4/30/16	AS 42.05.175(i)	12/21/15
U-15-095	Cost of Service Study-Sand Point Generating	7/10/15	7/9/16	10/8/16	AS 42.05.175(i)	2/23/16
U-15-096	Investigation (Use of the Deferred Regulatory Liability from Gas Sales)-ML&P	7/16/15	7/15/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	5/19/16
U-15-097	Investigation (Interconnection and Operating Requirements for Non-Utility Generation)-ML&P	7/16/15	7/15/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	7/15/16
U-15-098	Interconnection Agreement-Metropolitan Telecommunications of Alaska	7/15/15	10/13/15		47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4)	10/9/15
U-15-099	Application (Name Change)-Mitel NetSolutions	7/23/15	1/19/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	1/5/16
U-15-100	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Home Water	7/30/15	9/8/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	5/25/16
U-15-101	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Sandlake Services	7/30/15	9/8/16	11/28/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	8/8/16
U-15-102	Discontinue Service-ANPI Business	7/30/15	1/26/16		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	9/21/15
U-15-103	Cost of Service Study-Inside Passage Electric	8/17/15	8/16/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/7/16
U-15-104	Depreciation Study-Golden Valley Electric	8/4/15	1/31/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/30/15
U-15-105	Formal Complaint-A. Phelps vs. GCI	8/13/15	8/12/16	9/12/16	AS 42.05.175(d)	9/12/16
U-15-106	Petition for Exemption-Capstone Solutions	8/14/15	2/10/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	2/10/16
U-15-107	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Potter Creek Water	8/27/15	10/7/16	11/7/16	AS 42.05.175(c)	8/26/16
U-15-108	Discontinue Public Interest Pay Telephone Service-Summit Telephone	8/27/15	2/23/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	2/22/16
U-15-109	Certificate Application-Lynn Canal Transmission Corporation	8/28/15			Authority Not Set	12/3/15

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U-15-110	ETC Relinquishment-ACS Wireless	8/31/15	2/27/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	1/20/16
U-15-111	Certificate Revocation-Naabia Niign	9/8/15	9/7/16		AS 42.05.175(d)	2/5/16
U-15-112	Transfer Controlling Interest-Alaska Fiber Star	9/8/15			Authority Not Set	
U-15-113	Transfer Controlling Interest-Alaska Fiber Star	9/8/15			Authority Not Set	
U-15-114	Certificate Application-P&S Trucking	9/9/15			Authority Not Set	
U-15-115	Certificate Amendment-QuantumShift	9/14/15			Authority Not Set	
U-15-116	Motion to Use 2014 Settlement Proceeds-ML&P	9/30/15	3/28/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/10/16
U-15-117	Certificate Application-BCN Telecom	10/2/15			Authority Not Set	
U-15-118	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-Alaska Pipeline Company	10/2/15	3/30/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	3/30/16
U-15-119	Certificate Application-BCN Telecom	10/22/15	4/19/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	4/13/16
U-15-120	Certificate Application-Knik Tribal Council	11/2/15	1/31/16		3 AAC 52.715(e)	1/29/16
U-15-121	Adjustment to Telecommunications Relay Service Surcharge	11/6/15	11/5/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	12/31/15
U-15-122	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Middle Kuskokwim Electric Cooperative	11/16/15	12/24/16		AS 42.05.175(c)	8/1/16
U-15-123	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-AWWU	11/17/15	5/15/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	3/31/16
U-15-124	Deregulation Election-MTA	11/18/15	4/1/16		AS 42.05.712(e)	
U-15-125	Discontinue Service-AlasConnect	11/19/15			Authority Not Set	
U-15-126	Certificate Application-P&S Trucking	11/23/15	5/22/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	4/21/16
U-15-127	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-128	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-129	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-130	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-131	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-132	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-133	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-134	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-135	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-136	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-137	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-138	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Doyon	12/1/15	1/12/17	6/4/18	AS 42.05.175(c)	

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U-15-139	Petition for Nondominant Carrier Designation-ACS of Anchorage	12/1/15	5/29/16	7/13/16	AS 42.05.175(i)	6/6/16
U-15-140	Certificate Transfer-AlasConnect	12/10/15	6/7/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(3)	12/21/15
U-15-141	Tariff Suspension (Rates)-Homer Electric	12/21/15	1/27/17	2/3/17	AS 42.05.175(c)	
U-15-142	Certificate Application-QuantumShift	12/21/15	6/18/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(2)	6/8/16
U-15-143	Certificate Application-Platinum Commercial	12/24/15	6/21/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	5/25/16
U-16-001	Access Charge Revenue Requirement-Alaska Exchange Carriers Association	1/4/16	7/2/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	2/25/16
U-16-002	Certificate Amendment (Service Area)-North Slope Borough Power	1/13/16	1/12/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	2/25/16
U-16-003	Nomination of Directors-Alaska Universal Service Administrative Company	1/29/16	7/27/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	2/29/16
U-16-004	Tariff Suspension (Rules/Rates)-Matanuska Electric	2/5/16	3/17/17		AS 42.05.175(c)	4/13/16
U-16-005	Public Interest Pay Telephone Relocation-OTZ Telephone Cooperative	2/8/16	8/6/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/12/16
U-16-006	Public Interest Pay Telephone Relocation-OTZ Telephone Cooperative	2/8/16	8/6/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/12/16
U-16-007	ETC Relinquishment-KPU Wireless	2/8/16	8/6/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	7/25/16
U-16-008	Public Interest Pay Telephone Relocation - Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative	2/26/16	8/24/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	8/22/16
U-16-009	Discontinue Service-GVEA (CPCN 600)	3/1/16	8/26/16		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	3/31/16
U-16-010	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-AP&T LD	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-011	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-TelAlaska Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-012	Acquisition of Controlling Interest-ML&P/Chugach (Beluga River Unit)	3/11/16	9/7/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/21/16
U-16-013	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Unicom	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-014	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-MTA Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-015	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-KPU Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-016	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-ASTAC Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-017	Petition (Extension)-TDX Manley Generating	3/16/16	9/12/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/25/16
U-16-018	Petition (Extension)-Sand Point Generating	3/16/16	9/12/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/25/16
U-16-019	Petition (Extension)-TDX Adak Generating	3/16/16	9/12/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/25/16
U-16-020	Petition (Extension)-TDX North Slope Generating	3/16/16	9/12/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/25/16
U-16-021	Petition (Extension)-McGrath Light & Power	3/17/16	9/13/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/25/16

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U-16-022	Petition for Confidentiality-Matrix Telecom	3/16/16	9/12/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/13/16
U-16-023	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-France Telecom	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-024	Petition (Extension)-Middle Kuskokwim	3/21/16	9/17/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/25/16
U-16-025	Discontinuance of Service-Arctic Refuse	3/21/16	6/21/16		AS 42.04.070(a)(3)	6/21/16
U-16-026	Petition to Waive Filing Deadline-GCI/Rural Coalition	3/23/16	6/6/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/23/16
U-16-027	Petition to Waive Annual Operations Report Filing Requirements-Alaska Telephone Assoc.	3/23/16	7/18/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	3/23/16
U-16-028	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Securus	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-029	Petition for Confidentiality-AT&T Alaska	3/29/16	9/25/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/12/16
U-16-030	Certificate Revocation-MTA Communications	3/30/16	3/30/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	5/27/16
U-16-031	Petition for Confidentiality-Wide Voice	3/30/16	9/26/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/20/16
U-16-032	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Alascom	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-033	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-GCI	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-034	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Copper Valley LD	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-035	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Mitel Cloud Service	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-036	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-OTZ Telecommunications	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-037	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-SBC Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-038	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-Cordova Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-041	Petition for Confidentiality-MTA	3/31/16	9/27/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	4/13/16
U-16-042	Certificate Application-Mobilitie Management	4/8/16	10/5/16		AS 42.05.175(a)(1)	7/6/16
U-16-043	Discontinue Service (Healy Lake)-APC	4/11/16	11/1/16		AS 42.05.175(k)	
U-16-044	Discontinue Service (Healy Lake)-Alaska Telephone Company	4/11/16	11/1/16		AS 42.05.175(k)	
U-16-045	Petition for Exemption-Healy Lake Village Council	4/12/16	11/1/16		AS 42.05.175(k)	
U-16-046	3 AAC 52.372(b) Report-ACS Long Distance	4/28/16	4/28/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-047	Petition (Transition Public Interest Pay Telephones to Coinless)-Interior Telephone	4/21/16	10/18/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-048	Petition (Transition Public Interest Pay Telephones to Coinless/Relocate Public Interest Pay Telephone)-Mukluk Telephone	4/21/16	10/18/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-049	Complaint-Alaska Waste MatSu vs. Denali Refuse	4/29/16	4/29/17		AS 42.05.175(d)	6/9/16
U-16-050	Depreciation Study-GVEA	4/29/16	10/26/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	

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U-16-051	Certificate Transfer-Mobilitie (Local Exchange)	5/3/16			Authority Not Set	
U-16-052	Discontinue Service (Healy Lake)-AT&T Alaska	5/5/16	11/1/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-053	Petition (Extension)-Inside Passage Electric	5/5/16	11/1/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	5/13/16
U-16-054	Certificate Revocation-Bristol Bay Cellular	5/10/16	5/10/17		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-055	Petition (Transfer Interexchange Carrier of Last Resort to GCI)-AT&T Alaska	5/12/16	11/8/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-056	FY2017 Power Cost Equalization Base Rate	5/17/16	7/16/16		3 AAC 52.610(c)	6/27/16
U-16-057	FY2017 Regulatory Cost Charge (Public Utilities)	5/19/16	8/17/16		3 AAC 47.030	6/27/16
U-16-058	Petition (Extension)-Gold Country Energy	5/27/16	11/23/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	6/10/16
U-16-059	Petition (Declaratory Ruling/Waiver)-GCI	6/20/16	12/17/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-060	Petition (Ratemaking/Accounting Treatment of Beluga River Unit)-ML&P	6/20/16	9/24/17		AS 42.05.175(k)	
U-16-061	Deregulation Election-Kipnuk Light Plant	6/24/16	10/8/16		AS 42.05.712(e)	
U-16-062	Petition (Create Regulatory Asset)-Chugach	6/29/16	12/26/16		AS 42.05.175(i)	
U-16-063	FY2016 Federal Inter-carrier Compensation Support Information	6/30/16			Not Applicable	
U-16-064	Federal High-Cost/Low-Income/Mobility Fund Support Information	6/30/16			Not Applicable	
U-16-065	Federal Local Rate Floor Information	6/30/16			Not Applicable	

Consumer Protection & Information

The Consumer Protection & Information Section (CP) handles informal complaints from consumers about utility service providers within Alaska. Our CP staff works with consumers and utilities to informally resolve disputes. The CP staff receives the complaints and obtains information from utility representatives. CP asks questions, reviews documents and files, and checks relevant tariffs, statutes, and regulations. CP may recommend solutions or the adoption of tariff policies and practices which promote higher standards of customer service in utility business practices.

During this fiscal year, telecommunications issues were at the top of the consumer informal complaint list, followed by electric issues. Customers filed informal complaints against their local and long distance carriers and a private pay telephone provider involving billing disputes, quality of service, and customer service issues. CP also received informal complaints from customers about participation in the Lifeline program, a discounted phone service for qualified customers addressing availability and billing practices. Electric and natural gas consumers complained about non-functioning equipment, high energy costs, and disconnection and management practices. CP actions in nineteen dockets resulted in savings of over \$4,700 for consumers.

Consumer Education

In addition to resolving informal complaints, CP answers general inquiries from the public, other agencies, and media representatives. Some typical questions include:

Where can I obtain a copy of a utility tariff? Where can I obtain a copy of Commission statutes and regulations? What are all the charges on my billing statement? Can you stop a utility from disconnecting my service? How do I contact the utility? How do I contact an agency that regulates wireless or data services? Do I have to use company-provided equipment? When will - or when did - the Commission decide a utility rate increase?

Customers who wanted to file an informal complaint about a rate increase under consideration were referred to the proper tariff advice filing and comment process. Some callers simply sought the name and number of an agency other than the Commission that could help with their problem.

CP also provides background information to media representatives when they report on Commission and utility actions.

Given the number of consumer concerns regarding utility rates, CP also provided information on how to lower energy consumption and available consumer assistance programs from other sources such as the Department of Health and Social Services' Low Income Heating Assistance Program.

CP developed additional consumer fact sheets regarding inmate telephone service, water line maintenance and repairs, Commission jurisdiction over utility service providers in Alaska, and where to turn when a consumer has a dispute. In addition, the Lifeline and Link-up fact sheet was updated.

Community Outreach

CP participated in public information and education outreach events to educate consumers about utility rates and services. CP represented the Commission at the Alaska State Fair, Elders and Youth Conference, Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference, and at an energy fair in Soldotna sponsored by the local electric company. CP also represented the Commission at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Community Action Council and an Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Home Choice seminar.

Power Cost Equalization

Power Cost Equalization Recipients

The Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program is a state-funded program designed to equalize power costs per kilowatt-hour (kWh) statewide, with a target cost approximating the average cost per kWh paid by customers in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. To accomplish this goal, the PCE program provides economic assistance payments to eligible electric utilities based on electric sales to community facilities and residential customers. Generally, PCE reduces the effective rate per kWh up to 500 kWh per month per residential customer. The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) administers the PCE program based on PCE rate determinations by the Commission.

The Commission establishes the PCE level (cents/kWh) applicable to each utility participant’s billings, calculating the PCE for non-regulated PCE recipients¹ as well as electric utilities subject to Commission regulation.² The Commission notifies PCE recipients of the base amount³ and reviews a limited number of annual reports filed by nonregulated entities to ensure appropriate use of PCE funding. The Commission must also recalculate the PCE rate when AEA changes the PCE funding level or the legislature adjusts PCE limits. The Commission’s FY2016 PCE rate setting activity is summarized below.

Revised PCE Rates Calculated By the RCA	Regulated Utilities	Nonregulated Utilities
Base Rate Recalculation	14	77
Funding Level Change Directives from AEA	0	0
Review of Fuel Cost Reports	49	206
Review of Annual Reports	N/A	27

Electric utilities that meet the requirements of AS 42.45.115 and AS 42.45.150 are eligible for PCE payments. PCE disbursements may be suspended if an electric utility fails to submit required information. A list of electric utilities eligible to receive PCE follows, along with the community served.

¹ AS 42.05.711 establishes statutory exemptions from Commission regulation. Most exempt utilities are not subject to Commission regulations governing rates and service quality, but are required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) from the Commission prior to commencing service. Such non-economically regulated utilities include electric utilities owned and operated by a political subdivision of the State (see AS 42.05.711(b)), electric utilities that gross less than \$500,000 annually and elect to be exempt (see AS 42.05.711(e)), and electric cooperatives whose members elect to be exempt (see AS 42.05.711(h)). Electric utilities that do not gross \$50,000 annually are exempt from regulation, including the requirement that the utility obtain a certificate (see AS 42.05.711(e)). The Commission may also exempt a utility from any or all regulatory requirements (see AS 42.05.711(d)).

² AS 42.45.110(c)(2) requires the Commission to adjust annually the calculation of power costs eligible for PCE reimbursement based on the weighted average retail residential rate in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau.

³ For example, in FY2016 the Commission issued a letter order notifying each eligible non-regulated electric utility that the PCE base amount would increase from 15.82 cents per kWh to 16.67 cents per kWh effective July 1, 2016.

Power Cost Equalization Recipients

Economically Regulated Providers Receiving PCE Payments

Alaska Power Company serves 25 Alaska communities identified below

Alatna	Craig	Healy Lake	Mentasta	Tanacross
Allakaket	Dot Lake	Hollis	Naukati	Tetlin
Bettles	Eagle	Hydaburg	Northway	Thorne Bay
Chistochina	Evansville	Kasaan	Skagway	Tok
Coffman Cove	Haines	Klawock	Slana	Whale Pass

Middle Kuskokwim Electric Cooperative serves the five communities below

Chuathbaluk	Crooked Creek	Red Devil	Sleetmute	Stoney River
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Other economically regulated providers receiving PCE Payments

Aniak Light and Power Company, Inc. (Aniak)	Kipnuk Light Plant (Kipnuk)
G&K, Inc. (Cold Bay)	McGrath Light & Power Company (McGrath)
Gold Country Energy (Circle Hot Springs, Central)	Sand Point Generating, LLC (Sand Point)
Gustavus Electric Company, Inc. (Gustavus)	Tanana Power Company, Inc. (Tanana)
Gwitchyaa Zhee Utility Company (Fort Yukon)	TDX Adak Generating, LLC (Adak)
Inside Passage Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Angoon, Chilkat Valley, Hoonah, Kake, Klukwan)	TDX Manley Generating, LLC (Manley Hot Springs)

Non-Economically Regulated Providers: Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC)

AVEC is a village cooperative serving the 48 villages identified below

Alakanuk	Gambell	Kivalina	Nulato	Shishmaref
Ambler	Goodnews Bay	Kotlik	Old Harbor	Shungnak
Anvik	Grayling	Koyuk	Pilot Station	St. Marys
Bethel	Holy Cross	Marshall	Quinhagak	Stebbins
Brevig Mission	Hooper Bay	Mekoryuk	Russian Mission	Teller
Chevak	Huslia	Minto	Savoonga	Togiak
Eek	Kalskag	Mountain Village	Scammon Bay	Toksook Bay
Ekwok	Kaltag	New Stuyahok	Selawik	Wales
Elim	Kasigluk	Noatak	Shageluk	
Emmonak	Kiana	Noorvik	Shaktoolik	

Power Cost Equalization Recipients

Non-Economically Regulated Providers Receiving PCE Payments	
City of Akhiok	Manokotak Power Company
Akiachak Native Community Electric Company	Naknek Electric Association, Inc.
City of Akiak	Napakiak Ircinraq Power Co.
City of Akutan	Napaskiak Electric Utility
Alutiiq Power Company	Naterkaq Light Plant
Arctic Village Electric Company	Nelson Lagoon Electric Cooperative, Inc.
City of Atka	New Koliganek Village Council
Atmautluak Joint Utilities	Nikolai Light & Power Utility
Beaver Village Electrical Utilities	Nome Joint Utility System
City of Buckland	North Slope Borough Power & Light
Chalkyitsik Village Energy System	Nunam Iqua Electric Company
Chenega IRA Village Council	Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Chignik Lagoon Power Utility	City of Ouzinkie
Chignik Lake Electric	Pedro Bay Village Electric Utility
City of Chignik	City of Pelican
Chitina Electric, Inc	Perryville Electric Utility
Circle Electric, LLC.	Pilot Point Electrical
City of Clarks Point	City of Port Heiden
Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Puvurna Power Company
City of Diomedea	Rampart Village Council Electric Utility
City of Egegik	City of Ruby
Elfin Cove Electric Utility	St. George Municipal Electric Utility
False Pass Electric Association	City of St. Paul
City of Galena	Stevens Village Energy Systems
City of Golovin	Takotna Community Association
Hughes Power & Light Company	Tanalian Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Igiugig Village Council	Tatitlek Electric Utility
I-N-N Electric Cooperative	City of Tenakee Springs d/b/a Tenakee Springs Electric Utility Department
Ipnatchiaq Electric Company	Tuluksak Traditional Power Utilities
City of King Cove	Tuntutuliak Community Service Assn.
Kokhanok Village Council	Twin Hills Village Council
Kotzebue Electric Association, Inc.	Umnak Power Company
City of Koyukuk	Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Kwethluk Inc. d/b/a Kuiggluum Kallugvia	City of Unalaska
Kwig Power Company	Ungusraq Power Company
City of Larsen Bay	Venetie Village Council
Levelock Electric Cooperative	City of White Mountain
Lime Village Traditional Council	City of Yakutat

Section Information

Section Descriptions

The Commission consists of several sections that coordinate efforts to complete the agency's statutory duties. Five Commissioners are the decision-makers, rendering decisions based on the record presented in a proceeding. Commission staff is divided among three major sections – an Advisory Staff that submits recommendations based on their professional expertise, an Administrative Law Section that ensures procedural requirements are satisfied and Commission decisions are well-stated and well-supported, and a Commission Section that addresses the agency's administrative needs and provides support to Commissioners and the general public.

Advisory Section

The Advisory Section consists of a Common Carrier Section, an Engineering Section, a Finance Section, a Tariff Section, and an Information Services Section. These sections advise the Commission on operational and financial issues pertaining to utility regulation.

The Common Carrier Section provides agency expertise on communications issues, with a primary focus on local and long distance telecommunications. Issues regarding other utility services (electric, natural gas, natural gas storage, oil and gas pipelines, refuse, steam heat, and water/wastewater) are split among the other sections. The Engineering Section provides technical expertise on utility/pipeline operations and certification requirements, while the Finance Section provides expertise on utility/pipeline rate and financial issues (including determining PCE levels for PCE participants that are not economically regulated). The Tariff Section reviews tariff filings and revisions impacting rules of service and certain rates (non-firm purchase power rates, cost of power adjustments, and PCE levels determinations for regulated electric utilities).

The Information Services Section maintains the Commission's computer and telecommunications systems, ensures the hearing room audio system is properly configured and operational, and performs programming and design functions for the agency's case management system. The Information Services Section also assists in designing the Commission's web site and implementing an electronic filing process.

Administrative Law Section

The Administrative Law Section is comprised of four administrative law judges and support staff. The administrative law judges set procedural schedules for dockets, make discovery and evidentiary rulings, issue procedural orders, conduct hearings, advise the Commission on legal issues in pending dockets, and draft Commission orders. The Administrative Law Section ensures the due process rights of participants are protected and that Commission decisions concisely and comprehensively address the issues raised in a proceeding.

Shortly after a docket is opened, an administrative law judge and advisory staff member are assigned to work closely with a Commissioner to ensure the docket moves forward in a timely fashion. The Advisory and Administrative Law Sections work in tandem to ensure the Commission renders well-stated and well-supported decisions based on the record presented in a proceeding.

Commission Section

The Commission Section supports the Commissioners and Chairman with matters not addressed by the Advisory Section and the Administrative Law Section. The Commission Section consists of the Consumer Protection and Information Section, Administrative Section, Records and Filing Section, and Commission Support Section. The Consumer Protection and Information Section addresses informal complaint proceedings from consumers and performs public outreach and education, including press releases and media inquiries. The Administrative Section assists with the agency's budget, including regulatory cost charges, personnel issues, and agency purchases. Among other duties, the Commission Support Section ensures orders are issued in a timely manner, prepares public meeting agenda, and maintains the agency's calendar. The Records and Filing Section receives incoming documents, ensures filings are posted to the case management system, maintains and archives agency records, and responds to document requests.

These sections address the issues presented to the Commission for resolution, and process formal docket proceedings from inception to completion. A description of significant proceedings addressed by the Commission in FY2016 follows.

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Informational Dockets

I-15-001 (Alaska Railbelt Electric Transmission System): This docket was opened in response to a legislative directive to determine “whether creating an independent system operator or similar structure for electric utilities in the Railbelt area is the best option for effective and efficient electrical transmission.” The Commission solicited input from the Railbelt electric utilities (Chugach Electric Association, Golden Valley Electric Association, Homer Electric Association, Matanuska Electric Association, Municipal Light & Power, and the Seward Electric System), independent power producers, the Attorney General, the Alaska Power Association, the Alaska Energy Authority, and other interested persons. The Commission submitted findings and recommendations identifying the benefits of an independent system operator to the Alaska legislature at the end of FY2016. The docket has remained open to monitor the progress of Railbelt utilities towards implementing a voluntary independent system operator, and to receive additional comments on the appropriate parameters for Railbelt electric operations. More specifically, the Commission has requested periodic progress reports from Railbelt electric utilities on the initiation of centralized economic dispatch and power pooling, the formation of a Railbelt transmission company and a Railbelt system operator, and to obtain other pertinent information.

I-15-002 (Lifeline Reform): The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed revisions to rules regarding Lifeline and Link Up, a subsidy program that reimburses carriers for providing discounted monthly telephone service to low-income consumers. After soliciting input from interested parties, the Commission filed comments urging the FCC to continue to allow state commissions to designate and monitor eligible telecommunications carriers and designate state-specific low income programs that qualify a consumer for Lifeline. The Commission also advocated for continuation of enhanced Lifeline tribal support throughout the state by continuing to recognize all of Alaska as tribal lands.

Informal Complaint Proceedings

C-15-092 (Consumer Complaint): A customer complained that his local electric company was conducting fraudulent billing practices and transferring delinquent balances from one account to another. Consumer Protection conducted research of the utility’s tariff, regulations, and statutes, and reviewed responses from the utility, ultimately determining

the utility correctly followed its tariff.

C-16-025 (Consumer Complaint): Consumer Protection investigated a report that a local electric utility required customers enrolled in its Electric Thermal Storage Service (ETS) to sign a contract or provide a previously signed contract to continue receiving the ETS rate. The customer had been enrolled in the service for many years, and was concerned her rate would increase as she didn’t have a contract. Consumer Protection reviewed the utility’s development of ETS and the ETS contract with the customer, and recommended the customer consider signing the ETS contract. The customer was able to continue receiving the ETS rate.

C-16-052 (Consumer Complaint): A customer was unable to understand billing statements provided by her electric utility and unable to receive useful responses from the utility. The issue was compounded by a damaged meter that could not be tested. Consumer Protection’s review of customer usage history revealed the customer had been overcharged. The utility issued a credit.

C-16-059 (Consumer Complaint): A customer reported being on the wait list for four years to have his telephone line buried. During that time his phone line was chewed on by animals. He called 9-1-1, there was only static when the telephone was used. Consumer Protection contacted the telephone company to verify the customer’s situation and obtain utility input. Within three weeks after the informal complaint was filed, the phone line was buried by the utility.

Regulations Dockets

R-13-002 (Cogeneration/Small Power Production): Alaska Environmental Power petitioned to amend regulations addressing cogeneration and small power production. After considering comments from interested entities, the Commission amended cogeneration/small power production regulations on February 26, 2016. One significant aspect of the amendment was to change the method of calculating the avoided cost rate paid by utilities for power purchased from small independent power producers, switching from an avoided cost rate based on average system costs to one based on the incremental costs avoided by the purchase. The Commission also addressed the method of assessing costs associated with interconnecting with the independent power source.

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R-14-001 (Tariff Filing Requirements in Competitive Local Exchange Markets): The Commission amended 3 AAC 53.243, simplifying tariff filing requirements for carriers in competitive local exchange markets.

R-15-001 (Power Cost Equalization): The Commission amended regulations setting out the formula used to calculate line loss levels for utilities participating in the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program. Line loss - representing the amount of power lost between the generation station and end-user consumption - is used as a benchmark for PCE-participating utilities, with PCE subsidies reduced when line loss exceeds 12%. Existing regulations were ambiguous regarding whether to include or exclude station service (the amount of power used to run the powerhouse) in the line loss calculation. The Commission eliminated this ambiguity by excluding station service from the line loss calculation.

R-15-003 (Telephone Directories): In response to legislation precluding Commission regulation of the production and distribution of telephone directories, the Commission repealed requirements pertaining to the publication and distribution of paperbound telephone directories.

R-15-004 (Utility Reporting Requirements): The Commission commenced review of ongoing reporting requirements for all regulated public utility sectors, conducting technical conferences, and received comments on proposed revisions to existing regulations addressing ongoing reporting requirements for regulated utilities. This docket was pending at the end of FY2016.

R-15-005 (Annual Operations Reports): The Commission commenced a review of regulations governing annual operations reports (AOR) filed by pipelines and economically regulated utilities, conducting technical conferences and receiving comments on proposed revisions to existing regulations addressing ongoing reporting requirements. Utilities are required by statute to file AORs, with the required content of reports being a matter of Commission policy. The Commission was in the process of reviewing AOR requirements for regulated utilities at the end of FY2016.

R-15-007 (Alaska Universal Service Fund): GCI petitioned for a rulemaking to expand the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) contribution base to add intrastate interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service to the list of services subject to the AUSF surcharge assessment. The Commission

was reviewing comments on the issue at the end of FY2016.

Adjudicatory Dockets - Electric

TA277-13 (Golden Valley Electric Association Cost of Power Adjustment): GVEA proposed a revision to its Cost of Power Adjustment calculation to remove a credit from sales to the Fort Knox Gold Mine. The credit provided an offset to estimated costs stated in the Cost of Power Adjustment. The Commission approved removal of the credit.

TA284-13 (Golden Valley Electric Association QF-2 Purchase Rate): GVEA proposed a new methodology for developing a Qualifying Facilities purchase rate, as well tariff provisions related to the methodology. After significant public comment, the utility revised its proposal. The Commission approved the revised tariff sheets and required GVEA to file a copy of its QF Interconnection Agreement.

U-16-012 (Beluga River Unit Purchase): Municipal Light & Power and Chugach Electric Association jointly requested the Commission approve their acquisition of ConocoPhillips Alaska's interest in the Beluga River Unit and confirm that all costs associated with the acquisition would be recoverable through rates. ML&P requested authority to finance the acquisition with a Deferred Regulatory Liability from a Gas Sales account, proceeds of an underlift settlement from ConocoPhillips Alaska, and funds held in its Long-Term Future Gas Purchases account. The Commission approved the acquisition and the future rate recovery of reasonable acquisition costs, finding the benefits of the acquisition to ML&P's and Chugach's customers are reasonably likely to outweigh the costs of the acquisition, which provides increased gas cost stability and enhanced gas supply security.

U-15-081 (Chugach Electric Association Rate Increase): Chugach requested increases to demand and energy rates for retail customers of 22.8% and wholesale customers of 17%, and requested interim rates at the same levels. Chugach indicated the loss of Matanuska Electric Association as an all-requirements wholesale customer contributed to the need for a rate increase. After the Commission suspended the rate increase request and approved interim and refundable rates, Chugach and the Attorney General stipulated to resolve outstanding revenue requirement issues. The Commission accepted the stipulation, resulting in a reduction to Chugach's proposed rates and a refund of interim rates to Chugach customers. The final rate increases

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were 22.3% for Chugach retail customers and 17% for Chugach's remaining wholesale customer, Seward Electric System.

U-13-184 (Municipal Light & Power Rate Increase): ML&P requested a 31.52% increase to its demand and energy rates, requesting an interim and refundable rate increase of 24.32% pending a determination on permanent rates. The Commission suspended the rate increase request and approved interim and refundable rates, and the Attorney General participated while the Federal Executive Agencies and Providence Health & Services intervened. After hearing, the Commission approved a permanent rate increase of 24.32%.

U-15-097 (Cogeneration Arrangement Between Municipal Light & Power and Providence Hospital): The Commission opened this docket of investigation after testimony in ML&P's rate case (U-13-184) indicated a lack of collaboration by ML&P when addressing Providence Hospital's desire to self-generate a portion of its heat and electricity needs through cogeneration (a combined heat and power project). ML&P's tariff and interconnection standards allowed the company to require connected cogeneration plants to provide all generated power to ML&P and purchase the power back at retail rates. After a hearing, the Commission ruled in Providence Hospital's favor and required ML&P to revise its tariff to allow the connection and integration of a customer's cogeneration system without a required buy-back provision.

Adjudicatory Dockets - Natural Gas

U-14-111 (ENSTAR Natural Gas Company Rate Increase): ENSTAR requested an increase of 3.75% to its base rates, also requesting interim rate approval pending the determination of permanent rates. After the Commission suspended the permanent rate increase request and approved interim and refundable rates, the Attorney General, Chugach Electric Association, Matanuska Electric Association, Municipal Light & Power, Homer Electric Association, Alaska Electric & Energy Cooperative, and Titan Alaska LNG intervened in the proceeding. ENSTAR and the parties filed a settlement agreement, agreeing to a two-step increase in ENSTAR's base rates with rate increases effective October 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016. The Commission accepted the settlement agreement, but also noted ENSTAR's rates had not been adjudicated since 2002. The Commission stated it would not accept a black box settlement for ENSTAR's 2016 rate

case, and would review ENSTAR's return on equity, capital structure, and treatment of reservation and capacity fees related to stored gas in that rate case.

Adjudicatory Dockets - Natural Gas Storage

U-15-016 (Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage Alaska Found Gas): CINGSA uses a depleted gas field to store natural gas for southcentral Alaska's electric and natural gas utilities, commencing operations in 2011 after legislation defined natural gas storage service as a regulated public utility service. CINGSA purchased a natural gas field presumed to be depleted with no more than 3.6 Bcf of native gas, but wells drilled to convert the gas field into a storage reservoir perforated a 14.5 Bcf pocket of gas. CINGSA filed a tariff revision (TA20-733) to establish rules for selling the found native gas, seeking to initially sell 2 Bcf and the authority to sell future volumes at its discretion. That filing proposed that CINGSA retain proceeds from the sale of found native gas. The Commission suspended the filing to investigate sales terms and CINGSA's ability to perform deliverability commitments should the sale proceed. At hearing, both CINGSA and its firm storage service (FSS) customers claimed rights to proceeds from the sale of the found native gas (customers argued they should share in sale proceeds as the reservoir would not have been built without their long-term purchase commitments). The Commission denied implementation of CINGSA's tariff revision and determined the sale of 2 Bcf of found native gas would not compromise CINGSA's ability to meet deliverability commitments. The Commission also determined net proceeds from any sale would be divided primarily based on the proportion of base gas to maximum storage quantity, with a further allocation based on the length of the FSS agreements compared to the depreciable life of the facility. The Commission chose this allocation to recognize that the facility would not have been built without the customer's 20-year purchase commitment, and that the facility's depreciable life exceeded the 20-year purchase commitments. The Commission also sought to ensure CINGSA received a return on the sale of found gas. The Commission allocation resulted in CINGSA receiving 13% and FSS customers receiving 87% of the anticipated 2 BCF gas sale.

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Adjudicatory Dockets - Pipeline

P-08-009/P-08-013/P-09-005/P-09-006/P-09-010/P-09-012/P-09-015/P-10-005/P-10-010/P-10-013/P-11-006/P-11-009 (Trans Alaska Pipeline System Rate Case): Rate cases filed by the owners of TAPS (ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Koch Alaska Pipeline Company, and Unocal Pipeline Company) to revise rates for transporting crude oil over the system, including expenses for the strategic reconfiguration of the system. The Commission issued a comprehensive order resolving 12 rate cases filed by four of the five owners of TAPS. The proceeding, conducted concurrently with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), was lengthy and complex. The record included 14 rounds of prefiled testimony, 55 witnesses, 2,200 exhibits, 48 hearing days, more than 9,600 pages of transcript, and over 1,600 pages of post-hearing briefing. The Commission's order, which adopted portions of the FERC decision on some issues, included rulings disallowing as imprudent a significant portion of the costs of strategic reconfiguration of three of the four working TAPS pump stations, and disallowing recovery of a supplemental 2006 ad valorem tax payment the TAPS Carriers had included in their 2009 test year rates. The Commission did allow the carriers to recover, through a six-year surcharge, the expenses of litigating the seven-year-long proceeding. The State of Alaska sought reconsideration of the recovery of rate case expenses, but the Commission denied reconsideration.

P-15-011 (Swanson River Oil Pipeline Transfer): The Commission approved a joint application to transfer ownership of Swanson River Oil Pipeline from Hilcorp Alaska to Swanson River Oil Pipeline LLC.

P-15-020 (Swanson River Oil Pipeline Simplified Pipeline Tariff): While the transfer proceeding (P-15-011) was pending, Swanson River Oil Pipeline LLC requested the Commission declare Swanson River Oil Pipeline a designated pipeline facility eligible to operate under simplified pipeline tariff rules. After Kenai Pipe Line Company and Tesoro Alaska Company protested the proposed simplified tariff, the Commission appointed a settlement judge and the Attorney General opted to participate. The parties filed a settlement agreement proposing interim transportation rates and deferring a determination regarding Swanson River Oil Pipeline's status as a designated pipeline facility eligible to operate under simplified pipeline tariff rules.

P-13-005/P-15-012/TL1-746/P-15-014 (Point Thomson Export Pipeline Connections/Transport Rates): The Commission approved the connection of PTE Pipeline to Nutaaq Pipeline's Badami Oil Pipeline (P-13-005) and to the Point Thomson Unit Production Facilities (P-15-012). PTE Pipeline started transporting unrefined liquid hydrocarbons in April 2016, and filed an initial tariff with the Commission and FERC to establish transportation rates. The Attorney General and ConocoPhillips Alaska filed protests, and the Commission suspended TL1-746 into Docket P-15-014 to ensure Commission actions on the intrastate tariff matched FERC's action with the interstate tariff. After the end of FY2016, the parties filed a settlement agreement establishing rates for the PTE Pipeline through June 1, 2019. The stipulation is under review by the Commission and FERC.

Adjudicatory Dockets - Refuse

U-14-114/U-14-115/U-14-116/U-14-117/U-14-118 (Alaska Pacific Environmental Service Rate Cases): APES requested rate increases for its rate-regulated operations, also requesting interim and refundable rates for some affiliates. Specifically, APES proposed residential service rate increases for APES-Juneau (3.70% interim increase, 27.69% permanent increase), APES-Dutch Harbor (11.49% interim increase, 51.49% permanent increase), APES-Ketchikan (no interim rate request, 7.12% permanent increase), APES-Nome (no interim rate request, 22.46% permanent increase), and APES-Denali (34.11% interim, 83.36% permanent increase). APES and the Attorney General filed a stipulation that was accepted by the Commission, resulting in permanent rate increases for APES-Juneau (20.24%), APES-Dutch Harbor (22.35%), APES-Ketchikan (2.38%), APES-Nome (10.14%), and APES-Denali (40.50%). The approved stipulation also requires the APES affiliates to submit a revenue requirement and updated Cost Allocation Manual by October 1, 2018.

Adjudicatory Dockets - Telecommunications

U-15-121 (Telecommunications Relay Service): Investigation into a possible modification to the TRS surcharge directed to telecommunications services for the deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech-impaired. TRS is funded through a monthly surcharge on local exchange access lines, and the Commission periodically modifies the surcharge to ensure adequate but not excessive surplus revenues are retained. The Commission decreased the monthly surcharge in 2011 after surplus revenues reached

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\$1,182,077. Surplus revenues decreased to \$303,960 by 2015, with a monthly revenue deficit that would eliminate any surplus by the end of 2016. The Commission increased TRS surcharge rates to \$0.09 per residential and single-line business subscriber and \$0.18 per multi-line business subscriber on March 1, 2016.

U-15-124 (Matanuska Telephone Association Deregulation Election): The Commission facilitated the deregulation election of MTA, with the Consumer Protection and Information Section securing approximately 6,700 election ballots and leading the counting team. This involved comparing each signed ballot against utility membership lists, tallying the ballots cast, and ensuring the deregulation procedure satisfied the requirements of AS 42.05.712.

U-16-055 (Interexchange Carrier of Last Resort): This docket considers AT&T Alaska's (AT&T Alaska) request to transfer COLR obligations for fifty-one local exchange areas in western Alaska with access to GCI's TERRA network. AT&T Alaska petitioned pursuant to 3 AAC 52.382, regulations enacted in 2015 to clarify the interexchange COLR obligations and define a process to transfer or eliminate interexchange COLR obligation in specified areas. This docket was pending at the end of FY2016.

Adjudicatory Dockets - Water and Wastewater

TA7-730 (Alpat Water Utility Rate Increase): Alpat requested a rate increase for its Moorehand Subdivision. The Commission approved an average increase to rates of 13.72%, allowing the utility to allocate costs to customer classes based on usage patterns, demand factors, and customer related expenses. The Commission also required Alpat to file a revenue requirement for Moorehand Subdivision by March 31, 2019 based on a 2018 test year.

U-15-071 (Alpat Water Utility Certificate Amendment): Alpat filed an application to expand its service area to include the Creekwood Park Apartments near Palmer and requested expedited consideration to facilitate Alaska Drinking Water Fund funds (funding contingent upon Commission approval of the service area expansion). The Commission granted Alpat's motion for expedited consideration and conditionally approved the application, resulting in the release of \$505,577 construction of water source and treatment system (\$379,183 of which will be forgiven).

U-15-089/U-15-091/U-15-092 (College Utilities Corporation/ Golden Heart Utilities Rate Increase/Depreciation Study): GHU/CUC requested rate increases of 18.8% (water) and 18.5% (wastewater), also requesting interim and refundable rate approval pending the determination of permanent rates. The Commission suspended the rate increase requests into Dockets U-15-091 and U-15-092, respectively, approving interim and refundable rates of 16.0% (water) and 15.8% (wastewater). The Commission also opened Docket U-15-089 to investigate a depreciation study filed by GHU/CUC in 2015. After consolidating the three dockets, the Commission accepted a stipulation between GHU/CUC and the Attorney General that resulted permanent rates equal to the interim rates. Depreciation rates, modified by the terms of the stipulation, were also approved. In addition, the Commission approved a Plant Replacement and Improvement Surcharge methodology for the first time, establishing the framework for GHU/CUC to implement a surcharge designed to allow water/wastewater utilities to recover through rates costs associated with the replacement and improvement of plant outside of a full rate case.

U-15-100 (Home Water Rate Increases): Home Water requested rate increases based on a postage stamp rate of \$66.32 for all subdivisions served by the utility, also requesting interim and refundable rate approval pending the determination of permanent rates. The Commission denied the initial request for interim rates, holding a hearing to investigate the proposed interim rate request. After hearing, the Commission granted interim rates of \$66.32 for Birch Run Estates, Meadow Brook, Northern Lights Terrace, Westwood Subdivision, and Gemstone Estates, and \$61.34 for Majestic Hills. The Attorney General participated in the proceeding to establish permanent rates, resulting in an approved stipulation setting a permanent postage stamp rate of \$60.40 per month for all residential customers served by Home Water.

Appellate and Legislative Information

Appeals of Commission Decisions

The parties to a docketed matter have the right to appeal final Commission decisions in a proceeding. A list of appeals open during FY2016 is below.

Alpine Energy v. Matanuska Electric Association/RCA
Commission Docket U-12-004
Superior Court Case 3AN-13-06239
Supreme Court Case S-12686

Alpine Energy, an electric cogeneration facility, filed a formal complaint with the Commission alleging MEA failed to comply with Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act requirements pertaining to the purchase of power generated by qualifying facilities (QFs) and the provision of information pertaining to the utility's avoided costs. A facility must be certified to be eligible for QF treatment, and may self-certify or request a formal determination at the federal level that it meets QF standards. Alpine self-certified and sought to interconnect with and sell power to MEA. Alpine's complaint requested MEA's avoided cost information and the enforcement of other obligations related to QFs stated in state and federal regulations. MEA questioned Alpine's eligibility as a QF and contended Alpine should be required to obtain formal certification of QF status, before rights dependent on QF status are enforced. The Commission agreed, finding that Alpine must obtain formal certification of QF status before the Commission would enforce rights tethered to QF status. The Commission focused its remaining determination on whether MEA complied with the state regulation, finding the utility had complied with the regulation. Upon appeal, both the Superior Court and Supreme Court affirmed the Commission's decision, finding it was reasonable for the Commission to require formal certification of facility by FERC as a qualified facility.

Alaska Environmental Power v. RCA/Golden Valley Electric Association
Commission Docket TA284-13
Superior Court Case 3AN-16-07832

The Commission adopted regulations changing the method of calculating the avoided cost rate paid by utilities for power purchased from small independent power producers (Docket R-13-002). GVEA, who maintains two avoided cost rate schedules based on the design capacity of a QF, filed a tariff revision to establish a methodology for calculating avoided costs rates for qualifying facilities with a design capability of greater than 100 kilowatts. Alaska Environmental Power objected to the filing on several grounds. The Commission approved the tariff, and Alaska Environmental Power appealed arguing the Commission's

decision to approve the tariff revision was contrary to federal and state regulations guiding power sales to QFs. The appeal was pending in the Superior Court at the end of FY2016.

Matanuska Electric Association et al. v. RCA
RCA v. Matanuska Electric Association et al.
Commission Dockets U-13-203 and U-13-204
Superior Court Case 3AN-14-08890
Supreme Court Cases S-15944/S-15973

Homer Electric Association filed a tariff revision requesting approval of transmission wheeling rates, and the Commission established interim transmission rates for wheeling energy from the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Plant. Bradley Lake falls within the statutory exemption stated at AS 42.05.431(c) and (e), which removes wholesale power sale agreements involving certain projects from Commission review and approval. Several railbelt electric utilities (excluding HEA) appealed the Commission's decision on interim transmission rates, arguing guiding statutes preclude Commission establishment of transmission rates for Bradley Lake power. The superior court agreed and ruled that the Commission is statutorily precluded from reviewing or approving rates disputes related to Bradley Lake power, which the court held were governed by a series of agreements between the utilities. The Commission appealed the Superior Court's decision, and the case was pending with the Supreme Court at the end of FY2016.

ConocoPhillips et al. v. RCA
Commission Dockets P-08-009, P-08-013, P-09-005,
P-09-006, P-09-010, P-09-012, P-09-015, P-10-005,
P-10-010, P-10-013, P-11-006, and P-11-009
Superior Court Case 3AN-16-7498

The TAPS carriers appealed to the Alaska Superior Court the Commission's February 2016 order ruling on 12 consolidated TAPS rate cases, which had been heard concurrently with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in a seven-year-long proceeding. The carriers challenged the Commission's finding that the strategic reconfiguration project (upgrading the four working TAPS pump stations) was imprudent and the Commission's finding that the 2006 supplemental ad valorem tax payment could not be included in 2009 test year rates. The State of Alaska filed a cross-appeal challenging the Commission's award of rate case expenses to the carriers. The Superior Court appeal and cross-appeal are being held in abeyance pending a decision by the United States Court of Appeals

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for the District of Columbia Circuit on the TAPS carriers' appeal of FERC's decision in the interstate rate cases heard concurrently with the Commission's rate cases.

**Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage of Alaska v. RCA et al.
Commission Docket U-15-016
Superior Court Case 3AN-16-04024**

CINGSA uses a depleted gas field to store natural gas for southcentral Alaska's electric and natural gas utilities, purchasing a natural gas field presumed to contain no more than 3.6 Bcf of native gas. After wells drilled to convert the gas field into a storage reservoir perforated a 14.5 Bcf pocket of gas, CINGSA filed a tariff revision to establish rules for selling the found natural gas. CINGSA sought to initially sell 2 Bcf and authority to sell future volumes at its discretion, indicating the 2 Bcf was not necessary to pressurize the reservoir to provide service to customers. CINGSA claimed 100% ownership of the found natural gas. The Commission investigated sales terms and CINGSA's

ability to satisfy deliverability commitments should the sale of 2 Bcf proceed. CINGSA's customers claimed rights to proceeds from selling the found gas, arguing the reservoir would not have been built without their long-term purchase commitments. The Commission determined the sale of 2 Bcf of found native gas would not compromise CINGSA's ability to meet deliverability commitments, and determined CINGSA's share of the sales proceeds should be divided primarily by the ratio of base storage gas to the maximum gas storage volume, with a further allocation based on the length of the customer agreements compared to the depreciable life of the facility. CINGSA appealed, arguing the found gas is an unregulated asset not subject to regulation by the Commission. CINGSA contends that even if the found gas is subject to Commission oversight, the formula used to divide sale proceeds is flawed. The appeal was pending in the Superior Court at the end of FY2016.

Legislation Impacting the Commission

During legislative session, the Commission actively monitors legislation affecting the agency. Below is a list of legislation passed by the 29th Alaskan Legislature that may affect Commission operations.

**Senate Bill 193, Renewable Energy Exemption
2016 SLA Chapter 45**

Legislation passed in 2010 (SB 277) exempted owners of certain renewable energy generation facilities from Commission regulation, with the exemption extended to plant placed in commercial operation on or after August 31, 2010 and before January 1, 2016. SB 193 extended the later date, providing the exemption to plant placed into commercial operation before July 1, 2021. To qualify for the exemption, the facility must generate electricity entirely from renewable energy resources, be placed in service before January 1, 2016, and not generate more than 65 megawatts of electricity. In addition, the electric output of the facility must only be sold to one or more electric utilities

that are regulated by the Commission, and the owner or operator of the facility must not have received a state grant that was used to generate the electricity or a state tax credit related to the generation of electricity from renewable energy resources.

**House Bill 105, Alaska Industrial Development & Export
Authority Financing (Interior Gas)
2015 SLA Chapter 15**

House Bill 105 authorized the Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA) to provide up to \$275 million in financing for infrastructure to enable natural gas utility service in Interior Alaska. While the legislation did not impact the Commission's regulatory oversight, it did lead to an application from AIDEA to acquire a controlling interest in Fairbanks Natural Gas, a company certificated to provide natural gas service in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Commission approved the application under an expedited timeline in FY2015 (Docket U-15-090).

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