

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
Kake-Petersburg Intertie (KPI) Project
November 21, 2013
Conference Call
3:30 PM Alaska Time

Participants included:

Mark Jensen
Henrich Kadake
Jodi Mitchell
Gary Williams
Wilbur Brown
Paulette Jackson
Trey Acteson
Robert Venables
Mark Schinman

- 1. Meeting called to order** - Trey Acteson, SEAPA, CEO
- 2. Introductions** - All
- 3. KPI Construction Funding Status** – Jodi Mitchell reported that grants are available from the Renewable Energy Fund for \$8M dollars. We have received a grant previously so approximately \$5M is still available for the KPI project. She started an application but had computer issues. She also talked to Sara Fisher-Goad after the recent costs estimates were released. Sara Fisher-Goad didn't express optimism for receiving funds considering the increase in costs and the states financial situation.

There were concerns raised about putting our eggs into one basket. It was said we should look at other options as well for example renewables.

Trey Acteson reported that SEAPA is conducting a hydro site analysis in the spring and Kake will be included.

Robert Venables commented that funding discussions generally included two factors: the project costs have gone up dramatically (in part because of Roadless Rule issues) and funding is more likely to be obtained as the road along the northern route moves forward (which would lower the intertie construction costs). He encouraged Kake/IPEC to keep trying for funding.
- 4. Preliminary Draft EIS** – Mark Schinman reported that the Preliminary Draft EIS has been sent to the Forest Service for comment. The Joint Review Team (JRT) is reviewing. We expect comments back from the Forest Service November 27, next Wednesday. Tetra Tech will review the comments and incorporate necessary changes into the draft EIS. Tetra Tech expects the Draft EIS to be published and made available to the public approximately February 7th. They plan to send out post cards to a mailing list the Forest Service has been maintaining asking how those on the mailing list would like to receive the document, for example an

electronic link on a web site so it can be downloaded, on a Compact Disc or a hard copy. Public Meetings are tentatively planned February 25 and 26, however there is an APA meeting scheduled then so new dates will be found. The Final EIS is expected to be released August 2014. Mark Schinman encouraged participation by the Steering Committee at the public meetings. It is important we provide positive comments.

It was suggested that the public meetings be scheduled soon so they can get on calendars and the dates be coordinated with the Steering Committee. Note: This comment has been passed on to Tetra Tech.

5. **D. Hittle Report** – Mark Schinman reported we have received the D. Hittle report preliminary draft and utility members are reviewing. Comments will be provided to D. Hittle in the next few days. They will incorporate the comments and then the report will be made available in the next month or so.
6. **Community Update** – Mark Schinman reported a Community Update will be provided in the next few days with the new EIS schedule information. There was discussion with the Steering Committee how the update is circulated in the communities. Broad distribution was encouraged.
7. **Additional Cost of Construction with Helicopters** – Jodi Mitchell asked about the additional cost of helicopter construction due to the impacts of the roadless rule. Trey Acteson and Mark Schinman indicated the additional cost is about \$7M. For Alternative 2 and 3, helicopters are required for 14.5 miles and the extra cost is about \$500K per mile.
8. **Roadless Rule** – Gary Williams asked about the status of the interpretation of the roadless rule and its applicability to the KPI. Trey Acteson replied SEAPA is preparing an amicus brief regarding this. Trey encouraged Gary to talk to his contacts.
9. **Henrich Kadake** – Henrich commented that the KPI is our number one priority, and that we should look at other alternatives and renewables as second priority. Trey Acteson commented that SEAPA is looking at potential projects throughout the region including Kake.