Presented by: The Mayor
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 4011

A Resolution in Support of Continuity in Ownership of Snettisham Hydroelectric Project Assets.

WHEREAS, hydropower resources provide a clean and renewable source of electricity; and

WHEREAS, a safe and reliable supply of electricity is an essential public service necessary to meet life-safety needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the responsible operation and maintenance of electric utility infrastructure enables Juneau residents and businesses to purchase electricity at a cost that is less than the national average, contributing significantly to a stable economy; and

WHEREAS, continuous access to generation resources is fundamental to maintaining low cost, safe, reliable, and renewable electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Snettisham Hydroelectric Project ("Snettisham" or the "Project") transmission line delivers ninety percent of Juneau's hydroelectric power, which is produced at the Snettisham and Lake Dorothy Hydroelectric Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AS 44.88.095(c) and (e), the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly passed Resolution No. 1920 to indicate its consent to and approval of the sale of bonds by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority ("AIDEA" or the "Authority") to finance the purchase of the Snettisham Hydroelectric Project; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly passed Resolution No. 1921 to request that the Alaska Public Utilities Commission approve the Agreement for the Sale and

Purchase of the Electric Capability of the Snettisham Hydroelectric Project ("Snettisham PSA") between Alaska Electric Light and Power Company ("AELP") and AIDEA; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(b) of the Snettisham PSA requires that "Title to any assets acquired or constructed in connection with any Project Work shall be vested in the Authority, until such time (if any) as the Project (including such assets) is sold to [Snettisham Electric Company] pursuant to the Option Agreement and the Project Sale Agreement[;]" and

WHEREAS, the Snettisham Electric Company is an affiliate to AELP that holds an option to purchase Snettisham from the Authority; and

WHEREAS, AELP and the City and Borough of Juneau entered into an agreement granting the City and Borough of Juneau the right of first refusal on any sale of the Project to an entity unaffiliated with AELP; and

WHEREAS, the electrical protection equipment capable of interrupting the flow of electricity on the Snettisham transmission line, including the Lake Dorothy Hydroelectric Project interconnection equipment, is titled to AIDEA; and

WHEREAS, the safe and reliable operation of the Snettisham transmission line is best ensured when the electrical protection equipment capable of interrupting the flow of electricity on the transmission line is titled to the owner of Snettisham.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly supports having Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, or the subsequent owner of Snettisham, hold title to all assets directly connected with the Snettisham transmission line.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2025.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk