

AIPPA's position on Competitive Lower-Cost Power for Alaskans

Competition is a hallmark of Alaska that promotes healthy industries and low costs. Competition in Alaska's electricity sector is absent and long overdue. Getting there requires statutory reform to support properly regulated competitive power generation and transmission. Predatory utility tactics that weaponize our existing laws to limit, impede and stop lower-cost competitive power projects must end. Legislative Action is required to provide new laws to restore energy sanity and advance Alaska to a sustainable and lower-cost energy economy.

AIPPA's position on Open Access Transmission Tariffs (OATT)

- Protect Renewable Energy Developers by enacting new Alaska Laws adopting Federal Energy Regulatory Commission OATT rules on a fair and non-discriminatory basis.
- Discriminatory statutes and regulations that favor monopolistic utility interests are damaging our economy, hindering job growth, our prosperity and our future.

AIPPA's position on Railbelt Organizations - Real Independence

Any Railbelt Organization must have three simple elements:

- Independent Structure and Board of Directors. The organization itself must be independent, without controlling influence from or oversight by incumbent utilities. This new structure would prevent a legally sanctioned "syndicate" that can market manipulate Railbelt energy customers and create transmission barriers that prevent healthy competition in the Railbelt. A majority of board seats must be designated for non-utility interests (citizens, ratepayers, environmental organizations, independent power producers, etc.). Any board member from a utility should not be directly employed or receive compensation from a utility.
- Open Access on a Non-discriminatory and equal basis to all participants. Utilities IPPs, and others alike would have equal access, basis, and priority to the use of organization assets.
- Direct RCA supervision and equitable allocation of organization costs. With RCA oversight, organization costs would be borne equitably by all electricity consumers through the existing RCA regulatory fee mechanism and/or organization tariff rates to wholesale customers.

AIPPA's position on Regional Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs)

- Ensure that IRP efforts include a public process that is open and encourages all sectors to participate including industrial users of electricity, mining operations, and independent power producers.
- Ensure that private capital and investment energy solutions are an integral component of finalized plans.
- Ensure that State Policy supporting and encouraging Independent Power Producers is followed.
- Ensure that IRPs are integrated with regional economic plans and developments.
- Ensure that Independent Power Producers have equal access to markets and transmission lines.
- Ensure that the State Government reduces barriers to entry and unnecessary regulations.
- Ensure that IRPs acknowledge the perils of the utility "self-build" bias for overly expensive energy projects and identify ways to shield Alaska consumers from the long-term economic burden of paying for poor utility decisions.



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