



RESOLUTION NO. 13-009

A RESOLUTION REGARDING RAILBELT SUPPORT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CONTINGENT UPON DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL ECONOMICS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER RCA DOCKET R-13-002, *PETITION FOR A RULEMAKING TO ENCOURAGE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT BY INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS*

WHEREAS, The Alaska Railbelt Cooperative Transmission & Electric Company (ARCTEC) is comprised of four utilities representing approximately 200,000 customers served by an interconnected regional transmission system; and

WHEREAS, The Railbelt transmission system provides electricity to nearly 400,000 Alaskans through cooperatives and municipalities, with the mandated priority to provide electricity to members at the most reliable and cost-effective rate; and

WHEREAS, ARCTEC members have a proven track record of facilitating sustainable renewable energy projects onto their owned systems; and

WHEREAS, ARCTEC approved Resolution 13-008 Supporting the Promulgation of Railbelt Operating and Reliability Standards; and

WHEREAS, ARCTEC members are actively pursuing a standard policy outlining open access criteria that would provide a clearer playing field to all power producers including renewable Independent Power Producers (IPPs) while recognizing pre-existing contracts and rights; and

WHEREAS, power purchase agreements must require all users to adhere to reliability and reserve standards to assure its members reliable electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Railbelt system exhibits several areas of substantial congestion; and

WHEREAS, ARCTEC members recognize the limits of the Railbelt infrastructure system as a barrier to providing reliable power, further complicating the ability to offer fully open access to IPPs; and

WHEREAS, RCA Docket R-13-002 that proposes several major changes to existing regulations regarding Independent Power Producers (IPPs) could result in a pricing mechanism not in the economic interest of utility customers; and

WHEREAS, ARCTEC members do not necessarily concur with the submitted assertions underpinning the proposed regulation changes.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of ARCTEC resolve

1. That the position paper prepared by the Alaska Power Association most adequately represents the view of the members of ARCTEC.
2. That the CEO is directed to file this resolution with the RCA in Docket R-13-002.



for WILLARD DUNHAM
CHAIR



EVAN J. GRIFFITH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTEST:

JANET KINCAID
SECRETARY