

**Homer Electric Association, Inc. - Beetle-Killed Tree
Removal on State Land**

**FY2007 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: AMD 42067**

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Health and Safety

Category: Development

Recipient: Homer Electric Association, Inc.

Location: Kenai Areawide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Based on additional information recently received, this amendment will provide funds to clear beetle-killed trees on State land within the Kachmak Bay State Park that are outside of the utility right-of-way and pose a threat to Homer Electric Association's power line.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Removal of beetle-killed trees on State of Alaska land, outside of Homer Electric Association's right-of-way. These trees continue to fall into the power lines creating numerous power outages. Unless the State as the landowner takes responsible action to remove the trees, they will continue to disrupt service into the foreseeable future. In 2005, ten incidents of trees coming into contact with power lines occurred in Kachemak Bay State Park at a cost of \$93,045. In addition, costs of repairs to the line were \$15,402 after an August 2005 windstorm. In the spring of 2005, Homer Electric Association spent \$470,000 to repair damage to the line that has occurred over the last several years. Homer Electric Association cannot continue to ask its membership to absorb these costs through the rates.

Estimated costs of clearing trees outside of the power line right-of-way within the State Park boundaries is \$100,000 per mile. Homer Electric Association, Inc. is working with the Kenai Peninsula Borough to help fund this clearing work and will continue to fund a proactive reclearing program for its facilities.