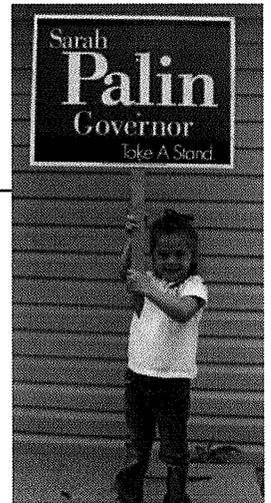


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May 9, 2008

Office of the Governor  
Sara Palin, Governor  
P.O Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

First I want to congratulate you on the birth of your new son Trig. He is a beautiful boy and I am sure he is a blessing to you and your family.

I was raised in Cordova Alaska and now live in the Copper Basin with my husband and two children ages six and four; my daughter Cassidy seen in the attached picture supporting your campaign. Similar to other rural areas in the state we are feeling the pinch of the high energy prices. It is unfortunate how many families we see moving out of this area. It is a great place to raise kids and the outdoor activities are unlimited which is a real attraction for me and my family.

Fortunately my husband and I both have great jobs here in the Copper Basin. My husband is an Equipment Operator for DOT and I work for our local electric utility Copper Valley Electric Association (CVEA). Even with two good jobs it is hard to keep up with the steady increase in energy costs and everything else that is affected.

Currently CVEA has four very important projects in the capital budget (SB 221) page 38. These are four projects that would keep our electric bills from going even higher. If approved, these projects will not have to be funded through increased electric rates. CVEA has gone through extreme lengths with our members to gather support for these projects. The overwhelming support proves our membership and region is on board with these projects. CVEA does the best job possible in communicating to our members and in times like this our membership comes through for any support we need. I hope you take that into consideration when approving the capital budget.

I assure you the money in the capital budget will be put to good use. We hope you will support these expenditures. If you have any questions please call me at (907) 822-8311 and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you again for everything you have done as Governor, we appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

*Jaime L. Matthews*

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May 5, 2008

Office of the Governor  
Sarah Palin, Governor  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

I have read with keen interest the misfortune of the Juneau electric utility and their struggles with the recent avalanche and loss of hydro power to serve our capital city. I note with some irony that my electric co-op deals with this risk every day when we rely on the Four Dam Pool owned transmission line crossing Thompson Pass to provide energy generated at Solomon Gulch Hydro in Valdez to the residents of the Copper River Basin. Copper Valley Electric plans for this possibility by installing and maintaining adequate back up generation in their Glennallen Plant.

Senate Bill 221 includes \$2 million dollars to install a new, diesel fired unit in the Glennallen Plant. The unit is on order and is already half paid for with a federal DOE matching grant. The new unit replaces generation installed in 1975 and will not only be state of the art technology but will also be more fuel efficient which will certainly help when the utility has to run it.

Mother Nature can sure turn destructive forces loose when she is of a mind to do so. Thank goodness utilities like Copper Valley Electric and AEL&P plan ahead. Please approve funding for the diesel plant upgrade included in the capital budget so the ratepayers won't have to. Thank you Governor.

Respectfully yours,

James Fields  
General Manager  
Copper Valley Resident

Sharon Daniel  
PO Box 513  
Glennallen, AK 99588

May 8, 2008

Office of the Governor  
Sarah Palin, Governor  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

I've been a resident of our state as long as Alaska has been a state, and I am writing to express my strong support for the appropriations for Copper Valley Electric included on page 38 of the capital budget (SB 221).

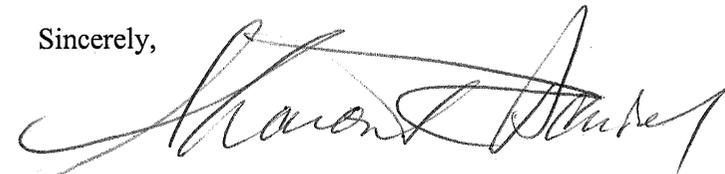
Senate Bill 221 includes \$5 million in funding for four projects:

- ✓ \$2 million to match a federal grant already in-hand for a new diesel fired unit in the Glennallen Plant,
- ✓ \$1 million to permit a new hydro project to help get us off fossil fuel,
- ✓ \$500,000 to upgrade the Valdez substation, and
- ✓ \$1.5 million reimbursement long overdue for an Intertie Construction Cost study.

We struggle without a lot of the infrastructure niceties that are found in the more urban areas of the state. The escalating cost of fuel to run the diesel generators cause our rates to continue to climb. The electricity provided by CVEA is a critical component of lives and businesses in the Copper River and Valdez areas. This utility is not unappreciated, but still we do not have the consumption necessary to generate the money required for these large projects. Please fund these four projects so that our high electrical rates will not have to be increased to pay for them.

Thank you Governor, we appreciate your work on behalf of our great state.

Sincerely,



Sharon Daniel



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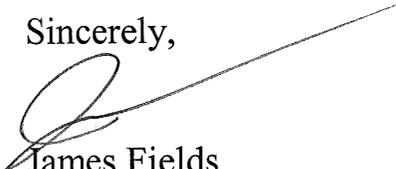
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Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

I am writing in support of capital projects included in SB 221 for my local co-op, Copper Valley Electric Association. I recently attended the co-op's annual membership meeting and was pleased to hear of progress being made on improving electric system reliability and especially on efforts to construct more hydroelectric generating capacity at Allison Lake.

The money in the capital budget will be put to good use. I urge you to approve funding for these projects so my high rates will not have to be increased to pay for them. Thank you, Governor.

Sincerely,



James Fields  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Copper Valley Resident

# Copper River School District



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May 12, 2008

**Sent via facsimile machine to: (907) 465-3532**

The Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor  
State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
Post Office Box 11001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

I am writing to express Copper River School District's (CRSD) support for the Copper Valley Electric Association (CVEA) projects listed on page 38 of the capital budget, HCS CSSB 221(FIN) AM H. The four CVEA projects total \$5 million and will be used as a match for a federal grant (\$2 million), for a new hydro project (\$1 million) that is designed to reduce dependence on fossil fuel, for the upgrade of CVEA's Valdez substation (\$.5 million), and for a reimbursement to CVEA for money spent (\$1.5 million) previously on the evaluation of a transmission line connection to the Railbelt Grid, which, unfortunately, did not pan out.

Inasmuch as the abovenamed projects are designed to ensure that CVEA can provide power to the Copper Valley at an affordable rate, CRSD, one of CVEA's largest consumers, urges you to approve all four of the CVEA project in the proposed FY-09 capital budget.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Elliott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James W. Elliott, Superintendent

May 5, 2008

Office of the Governor  
Sarah Palin, Governor  
P.O. Box 110001  
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Governor, we could use some help in this region. Please look kindly on these four appropriations, thank you.

Yours truly,



James Fields  
Secretary / Treasurer  
Copper Valley Resident



May 5, 2008

Office of the Governor  
Sarah Palin, Governor  
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Dear Governor Palin:

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A second project is money to permit a new hydro project at Allison Lake which would significantly reduce the amount of fuel CVEA currently consumes to generate electricity.

In addition, the budget includes money to replace a critical piece of equipment in the Valdez Substation and for reimbursement of costs incurred on a project authorized and partially funded by the 1993 Legislature.

Governor, please support CVEA, Valdez and the Copper Basin ratepayers by approving these projects, thank you.

Respectfully,

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Cheryl L Sparks  
Sparks General Store  
Box 294 Glennallen

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Yours truly,

Bob Smidje

P.O. Box 342

Glennallen, AK. 99588

May 5, 2008

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Yours truly,

Kathy Leachant

P.O. box 338

Copper Center, AK 99573

May 5, 2008

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Yours truly,

Lanette & Mike Phillips

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