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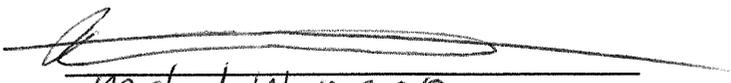
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Page 38 of the capital budget has four projects which will benefit my electric cooperative, Copper Valley Electric Association. Brief descriptions of the projects are attached.

CVEA has pursued legislative assistance for many years but for reasons unknown has always come up short.

The residents of Valdez and Copper Basin could use some help. Please allow these projects to be funded.

Yours truly,

Elaine J. Manning

HC 01 Box 7477

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## 2008 Request for Appropriation

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Allison Lake License Application, (page 38, line 20) \$1,000,000

As we look toward the future our focus is on investigating opportunities to reduce the cost of power by decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels to generate electricity.

While CVEA is fortunate to have the Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric facility in our power supply portfolio, we remain dependent on fossil fuel plants for 40% of our annual generating requirement. A diesel kwh, at current fuel prices, is \$.26 (just for fuel).

Following completion of several studies in the past year, on March 3, 2008, CVEA filed an application for a preliminary permit to develop the hydroelectric potential of Allison Lake (near Valdez). The permit, which CVEA expects to be awarded in June, is for a three-year period. During the term of the permit CVEA will conduct environmental studies (fisheries, terrestrial, cultural, recreation), work with state and federal agencies (and other stakeholders) and perform engineering work necessary to fulfill the requirements of a FERC license application. The estimated cost to prepare a bonafide license application is \$1 million.

Intertie Construction Cost Recovery, (page 38, line 28) \$1,500,000

This funding will provide reimbursement for costs incurred to determine the feasibility of the Copper Valley Intertie as required by 1993 legislation that appropriated \$35 million for a 50-year, zero-interest loan to partially finance an intertie that would connect CVEA to the Railbelt grid system. Between 1992 through 1996 CVEA completed studies required by the legislation and worked in good faith with the State of Alaska to advance the project. At the time the legislation was passed in 1993, funds to study the project were removed from the state budget with the understanding that intertie loan fund proceeds would be available to reimburse CVEA for study costs.

In 1996, the state administration indicated their lack of support for the project and CVEA ceased efforts to move the project toward development. However, more than \$1.5 million had been spent by CVEA in studies and pre-construction costs. The intertie loan application was lapsed and CVEA was not provided any reimbursement for costs. These funds will be used to pursue non-fuel power generation projects and to construct system improvements which otherwise would be paid for through higher rates.

Glennallen Diesel Plant (GDP) Upgrade (Matching Funds), (page 38, line 24) \$2,000,000

CVEA operates four power plants; three in Valdez and one in Glennallen. The communities are connected by road and a 138 KV transmission line owned by the Four Dam Pool. The t-line is vulnerable to prolonged outage caused by weather and avalanche (six events since 1986, once as long as nine months). When the t-line is out of service, the GDP must serve the electric load in the Copper Basin. Prime generation in GDP was installed in 1975-76. The GDP upgrade will install a new state of the art, more efficient diesel generator set in the Glennallen Plant. The project is expected to be completed in 2008.

The total cost of the project is \$3.9 million. In 2003 CVEA was awarded a \$1.9 million matching grant by the federal Department of Energy to construct additional generation in the Glennallen Diesel Plant. The DOE grant requires matching funding from a non federal source. If the state appropriation is obtained, this project can be completed at no cost to the members.

Valdez Diesel Plant Substation Upgrade, (page 38, line 32) \$500,000

The 10 MVA power transformer at the Valdez Diesel Plant Substation provides voltage transformation from the 24.94 kV provided by the Solomon Gulch circuit to the downtown 12.47 kV distribution system. This transformer is one of CVEA's most critical assets. An extensive maintenance program dictates this vital piece of equipment should be replaced. No other utility in the state has a spare to match the capacity needed for our application. A new unit can be available for delivery in 46 to 52 weeks after receipt of an order at a cost of approximately \$500,000.



For more information, contact  
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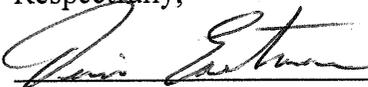
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Marvin A. Obermiller

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Sincerely,

Margaret E. Wigan

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May 5, 2008

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

The purpose of my letter is to express strong support for Copper Valley Electric projects included on page 38 of the capital budget (SB 221). The four projects total \$5 million and will be used as follows:

- \$2 million to match a federal grant already in hand to upgrade the Glennallen Plant
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- \$500,000 to upgrade the Valdez substation
- \$1.5 million to reimburse the co-op for money spent years ago evaluating a transmission line connection to the Railbelt Grid which did not pan out

Governor, we could use some help in this region. Please look kindly on these four appropriations, thank you.

Yours truly,

Patti Kiser

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

Respectfully,

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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.

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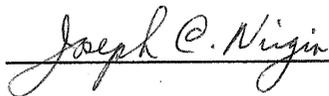
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