


To: Haines Borough Energy and Sustainability Commission

From: Greg Stuckey, Tribal Administrator
Chilkoot Indian Association



Date: 1/15/2009

Re: Connelly Lake Hydro Project

Dear Commission –

The Chilkoot Indian Association, landholders in the sensitive and valuable Chilkoot River watershed, wishes to express support of AP&T's Connelly Lake Hydro project as the best option for clean, renewable energy for the community. This project should be moved through the design phase to ensure a proper understanding of potential negative development impacts.

A Native Allotment is part of the proposed access route, and potential objects and areas of high archaeological value exist in this area. However, those issues should be able to be adequately addressed in the public process.

This project will allow a consistent energy source for the Haines area. We will no longer be dependent on Skagway areas' generation capacity. We will no longer need to have "peaking diesel" increase our electric rates.

The Alaska Energy Authority has this project as a possible funding option, but support from the community is needed.

AP&T is known as the #1 authority in Alaska for hydroelectric identification and construction. It is probable that no better site exists in this area to serve the community.

Please support AP&T's Connelly Lake Hydro project. Thank you.

