

February 07, 2007

Governor Sarah Palin  
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Governor Palin,

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce has adopted a position of support for the Swan Lake, Lake Tyee inter-tie project. I am including a copy of the position statement with this letter for your reference. The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce urges the State of Alaska to complete this important project.

The Swan Lake, Lake Tyee inter-tie project is a 57-mile, 115 kV line under construction connecting Swan Lake Hydro with Tyee Hydro, a 20 megawatt, Four Dam Pool facility. Currently, the Four Dam Pool facility only serves the towns of Wrangell and Petersburg. This Inter-tie will eventually be a part of the future "Southeast Inter-tie" that will connect all the communities of Southeast Alaska with a common power grid.

The Swan Lake-Lake Tyee Inter-tie is the first leg of a proposed Southeast power grid. The project would connect Wrangell and Petersburg's power source - Lake Tyee - with Ketchikan's main power source - Swan Lake.

If an inter-tie system existed to transport power, estimates suggest there would be adequate hydroelectric potential to serve all of Southeast Alaska for many decades. There is concern that without a regional electrical grid, isolated load centers will rely on high-cost diesel generation to meet immediate needs.

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce encourages your support and inclusion of appropriate funds in the budget to complete this important economic development project.

Yours in economic prosperity,

Wayne A. Stevens  
President/CEO

cc: Senator Bert Stedman  
Rep. Kyle Johansen