

Southeast Conference Annual Meeting 2012 Craig, Alaska



Energy Coordinator Report
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Southeast Conference Mission

- The Conference mission is to help develop strong economies, healthy communities and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska.
- Southeast Conference is the “Alaska Regional Development Organization” (ARDOR), “Federal Economic Development District” (EDD) and USDA “Resource Conservation and Development” (RC&D) Council for the region.

Energy Committee Mission

- Our vision for Southeast Alaska is to reduce, to the maximum extent possible, the use of diesel as a primary fuel source for the generation of electricity, space heat and potentially transportation.

2012 Energy Tasks and Work Plan

1. Coordinate inter-agency and community efforts to design and permit the Kake-Petersburg Intertie toward ultimate construction.
2. Work with Haida Energy and AP&T to advance the Reynolds Creek Hydro to completion.
3. Support and assist efforts to develop alternative energy resources for Hoonah and Angoon.
4. Work with member communities and utilities to secure permits and funding for hydro and other alternative energy project development.
5. Facilitate AEA activities, as needed, in regional efforts, including the development of an Integrated Resource Plan.
6. Work with ACEP to identify opportunities for regional opportunities for research and development projects utilizing and applying alternative energy resources.
7. Serve as a resource of information for the SEC membership, public, Legislature and Administration.



Great Idea! Let's figure out which hydro to build next and solve the region's energy problem.



A funny thing happened on the way to the "simple" IRP

The Black & Veatch SEIRP addressed the Southeast energy situation from two critical aspects, economically, and socially, and to paraphrase the results;

1. Based on present available information, an interconnected Southeast is simply not currently economical.

2. From the social perspective, there is a wide disparity in energy costs between the region's communities.

This is sobering, as many have hoped and thought that the first statement would solve the second. It may very well be the solution of the future, but not today.

Where Do We Go from Here?

Southeast Conference Has NEVER, DOES NOT, and NEVER WILL Accept the Status Quo as a final answer on any issue!

- Committed to Today's Projects:
 - Full Construction Funding for Hydro Generation at Blue Lake, Whitman Lake, Reynolds Creek, Gartina and Thayer Creek
 - Full Construction Funding for Interties between Kake and Petersburg and Metlakatla and Ketchikan.
 - Analysis and Support for ongoing projects including, Mahoney, Triangle, Takatz, Sweetheart, Connelly & Walker Lakes

- Continue to Participate and Facilitate Discussions with Project Proponents in Southeast, Yukon and B.C. for Future Intertie Development
- Identify Opportunities for R&D projects for alternative energy in southeast
- Work with Statewide and Regional partners to insure all Energy is Utilized to its highest and best use.



**Southeast Conference is
Committed to Economic
Development**



Times are a-changin'

Dave Carlson

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Dave Carlson

FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTHEAST ALASKA IN THE PURSUIT OF HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROELECTRICITY IN THE REGION.

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson began his public service in the region in 1981 as a City Councilman for the City of Petersburg and actively began working toward completion of the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson participated in the negotiation of the Power Sales Agreement between the Four Dam Pool Power Agency utilities and the State of Alaska, while also serving as Commissioner and President of the Thomas Bay Power Authority in 1985; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson continued his public service as Petersburg's representative on the Project Management Committee for the Four Dam Pool Power Agency from 1990 to 2001, and during that tenure, served as Mayor of the City of Petersburg *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson served as the Divestiture Project Coordinator from 1999 to 2002, which led to the successful creation of the Four Dam Pool Power Agency after a multi-year effort obtaining approval and agreements from the Alaska Legislature and federal government; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson served as the Interim General Manager, in 2002, of the Four Dam Pool Power Agency, initiating startup of Agency operations and successfully obtained additional funding for the Swan-Tyee Intertie; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson served as Southeast Conference's first "Energy Coordinator" from November 1, 2002 to October 24, 2005, during which time significant regional planning efforts took place, advocating for the expansion and development of hydroelectric generation and transmission; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson continued to serve as SEAPA's Chief Executive Officer, overseeing completion of the 57-mile long, 138kV transmission line in Southeast Alaska interconnecting the communities and individual electric systems of Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg, completing the project on time and under budget in 2009; *and*,

WHEREAS, Tyee Lake and Swan Lake have been delivering hydropower to the communities of Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan for almost 30 years; *and*

WHEREAS, these projects will continue to serve the communities of Southeast Alaska for decades to come, benefiting several generations of ratepayers; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson has also coordinated the SEAPA efforts toward the development and ownership of the Kake to Petersburg intertie and integration of Metlakatla's intertie to Ketchikan; *and*,

WHEREAS, Dave Carlson's vision of ensuring community ownership of hydroelectric projects continues to this day, and will continue to do so in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Southeast Conference Board of Directors hereby recognizes and honors Dave Carlson for his extraordinary & outstanding commitment, leadership, and dedication to the pursuit of hydroelectric generation, transmission, and the expansion and development of hydroelectricity in Southeast Alaska, and confers upon him an Honorary Lifetime Membership in Southeast Conference.

**Signed and Sealed on behalf of
The Southeast Conference
This 26th day of September 2012**

Gordy Worbel, President

SEC Proclamation -Thanks Dave!