



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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Subject: Relocation of Overhead Electric Distribution Line to Hope

Dear Ms. Goatley:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District has reviewed the subject project for consistency with standards of the Alaska Coastal Management Program and proposes that the project be found consistent with those standards.

### Scope of Project

This consistency review applies to the placement of an undetermined number of poles (with guy wires and anchors) along the Hope Highway for approximately 9,045' between Mileposts 0.3 and Milepost 1.7

Chugach Electric is relocating the existing electric distribution line due to time-consuming and costly repair during power outages. Hand and heavy machinery will clear and/or brush up to 40' in width of the existing Hope Highway right-of-way. Chugach Electric will also construct a new 670' access road at Milepost 1.6 and create an overhead crossing of Beaver Dam Creek at Milepost 1.3. High bluffs on either side of the Creek provide the restrictive boundaries for ground disturbing activities, including clearing and brushing. Existing pole line retirement consists of removing the entire pole, conductors, downguys and framing.

### Findings

The project is not within a natural hazard zone nor does the project conflict with existing recreational uses and activities and the protected features on which the recreation depends.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams

Coastal Management Program Coordinator