Notice of Utility Tariff Filing

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Homer Electric Association, Inc. (HEA), on behalf of itself and its wholly owned subsidiary Alaska Electric and Energy Cooperative, Inc., filed tariff revision TA384-32, a revenue requirement, cost of service study, and rate design study based on a 2014 test year. With this filing, HEA proposes an interim and refundable across-the-board rate increase of 3.25 percent for its retail rates, effective January 1, 2016. HEA also requests permanent rates based on the rate design study included with the filing and contingent upon the final outcome of HEA's ongoing case before the Alaska Superior Court and related appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court-regarding transmission services. A comparison of selected current, proposed interim, and proposed permanent retail rates is shown below. The proposed permanent rates shown below are calculated on the assumption that the HEA is able to fully recover transmission service costs as allocated in the proposed rate design study for wheeling power produced by the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project to other utilities.

| | | Proposed | Proposed |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Current Rates | Interim Rates | Permanent Rates |
| Schedule 1 - Residential | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$15.00 | \$15.49 | \$20.00 |
| Energy Charge | \$0.14882/kWh | \$0.15366/kWh | \$0.14390/kWh |
| System Delivery Charge | \$22.32 | \$22.89 | \$21.59 |
| Schedule 3 – General Service | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$15.00 | \$15.49 | \$20.00 |
| Energy Charge | \$0.15009/kWh | \$0.15497/kWh | \$0.15020/kWh |
| System Delivery Charge | \$22.51 | \$23.25 | \$22.53 |
| Schedule 4 – Large General Service | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$50.00 | \$51.63 | \$50.00 |
| Energy Charge | \$0.10066/kWh | \$0.10394/kWh | \$0.09189/kWh |
| Demand Charge | \$16.69/kW | \$17.23/kW | \$20.00/kW |
| Minimum Demand Charge | \$333.72 | \$344.60 | \$400.00 |
| Schedule 6 – Industrial Service | | | |
| Customer Charge | \$450.00 | \$464.63 | \$300.00 |
| Energy Charge | \$0.02258/kWh | \$0.02331/kWh | \$0.01814/kWh |
| Demand Charge | \$25.20/kW | \$26.02/kW | \$29.00/kW |
| Minimum Demand Charge | \$25,196.40 | \$26,020.00 | \$29,000 |

Additionally, HEA proposes new permanent rates for its transmission schedules, based on the rate design study included with the filing. A comparison of the current and proposed permanent rates is shown below. HEA does not propose interim rates for the transmission schedules. As above, the proposed rates shown below are contingent upon the outcome of HEA's current case before the Alaska Superior Court and calculated on the assumption that HEA is able to fully recover transmission service costs allocated to Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project power wheeled to other utilities.

| | Current Rates | Proposed Permanent Rates |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| Schedule T-1 | | \$0.0001/hour of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Scheduling, System | | \$0.0014/day of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Control, and Dispatch | \$.000005297/kWh | \$0.0101/week of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Service Rate | | \$0.0436/month of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| * | ¥ | \$0.5233/year of Reserved Capacity in KW |
| Schedule T-2 | | \$0.0011/hour of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Reactive Supply and | | \$0.0261/day of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Voltage Control from | \$0.00016407/kWh | \$0.1829/week of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Generation Sources | | \$0.7924/month of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Service | | \$9.5084/year of Reserved Capacity in KW |
| Schedule T-3 | | \$0.0005/hour of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Regulation and | | \$0.0114/day of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Frequency Response | \$0.00004608/kWh | \$0.0803/week of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Service | | \$0.3478/month of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| | | \$4.1732/year of Reserved Capacity in KW |

| Schedule T-5 | | \$0.0010/hour of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
|------------------------|------------------|---|
| Operating Reserve – | | \$0.0240/day of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Spinning Reserve | \$0.0001203/kWh | \$0.1686/week of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Service | | \$0.7306/month of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| | | \$8.7670/year of Reserved Capacity in KW |
| Schedule T-6 | | \$0.0002/hour of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Operating Reserve – | | \$0.0049/day of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Supplemental Reserve | \$0.00002862/kWh | \$0.0346/week of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Service | | \$0.1498/month of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| | | \$1.7981/year of Reserved Capacity in KW |
| Schedule T-7 | | \$0.0045/hour of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Long-Term Firm and | | \$0.1076/day of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Short-Term Firm Point- | \$0.00085/kWh | \$0.7555/week of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| to-Point Transmission | | \$3.2739/month of Reserved Capacity in KW, or |
| Service | | \$39.2871/year of Reserved Capacity in KW |

Finally, in addition to the proposed changes to existing rates, HEA proposes introducing rates for Standby Service. The proposed Standby Service would be available to customers who are wholly served by their own generation resources during normal operations with a nameplate capacity rating of between 1,000 kW and 5,000 kW. HEA proposes that a potential Standby Service customer must elect whether it will receive standby service in the form of scheduled maintenance service or backup power service, or both. Such an election will be done through the execution of a standby capacity contract and will remain effective for a twelve month period.

HEA proposes that the type of Standby Service selected by the customer will affect the rate paid for the service. The proposed rates for Standby service are as follows: Customer Charge - \$300.00/Month; Energy Charge - \$0.01814/kWh; Reservation Demand Charge - \$14.50/kW of standby contract capacity; and Usage Demand Charge - \$14.50 per kW of billed demand. HEA proposes that, except for scheduled maintenance service, the billed demand shall be the greater of the actual maximum monthly demand recorded on a 15-minute basis provided by HEA, or 75 percent of the actual maximum demand provided by HEA that is recorded during the preceding 12 months. For scheduled maintenance service, HEA proposes that billed demand will be equal to the actual maximum monthly demand recorded on a 15 minute basis.

This notice does not contain every pertinent revision or request associated with TA384-32. The Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting James Patras, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, at HEA at 3977 Lake Street, Homer, AK 99603; phone: (907) 235-3325. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office, at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed on the Commission's website at http://rca.alaska.gov by typing "TA384-32" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., December 4, 2015, at either the Commission address given above or at its website:

https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx

Please reference TA384-32 and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with HEA at its address given above or by email at <u>jpatras@homerelectric.com</u>.

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DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 10th day of November, 2015.

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