Notice of Utility Tariff Filing

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. (GVEA) filed tariff revision TA283-13 to add the new Small Facility Power Purchase Rate (SFPPR) to its tariff in compliance with a recently-enacted Commission regulation (3 AAC 50.790(d)). The SFPPR will replace the existing Non-Firm Power Purchase Rate (NFPPR).

3 AAC 50.790(d) states that by April 1, 2016, a regulated electric utility must submit a proposed tariff filing that includes a standard rate for purchase of energy from qualifying facilities (QF) with a design capacity of 100 kW or less. 3 AAC 50.770(i) states that the SFPPR must be expressed in cents-per-kilowatt-hour unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The rate must be determined from the sum of fuel costs and variable operations and maintenance expenses and the energy portion of purchased power expense, using the same period employed to project costs and sales in the utility's adjustment clause (in this case a Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA)) methodology, divided by the number of kilowatt-hours sold for the same time period.

GVEA proposes to purchase power from QFs at a rate equal to the sum of the fuel, variable operating and maintenance costs, and energy portion of purchase power expenses for the next 3-month period, minus the costs associated with generation that are not avoided by virtue of purchases from a QF, divided by the estimated kWh sales for the next 3-month period minus the sales associated with generation that are not avoided by virtue of purchases from a QF.

GVEA's initial proposed SFPPR is \$0.06792, an increase from the existing NFPPR of \$0.06483.

This notice does not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification that varies from those proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting Monica Grassi, Regulatory Specialist at GVEA, at P. O. Box 71249, Fairbanks, AK 99707; phone: (907) 458-5788. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <u>http://rca.alaska.gov</u> by typing "TA283-13" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., May 16, 2016, at the Commission address given above or via our website at:

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

Please reference TA283-13 and include a statement that you've filed a copy of the comments with GVEA at its address given above or by email at <u>mgrassi@gvea.com</u>. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, TTY (907) 276-4533 or send a request via electronic mail to <u>rca.mail@alaska.gov</u> by May 9, 2016.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 14th day of April, 2016.

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