

### **Notice of Utility Tariff Filing**

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Middle Kuskokwim Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MKEC) filed tariff revision TA139-343, seeking 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.

MKEC proposes to determine the SFPPR by multiplying the total gallons of diesel consumed during the historical period used to calculate the COPA by the current price of fuel, then dividing the product by the number of kilowatt-hours sold in the same historical period. MKEC states that, beyond the cost of diesel fuel, it does not have any variable operations and maintenance expenses.

MKEC's initial proposed SFPPR is \$0.3161, an increase from the existing NFPPR of \$0.2932.

This notice may not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification, which varies from that proposed. You may obtain information about this filing by contacting Ernie Baumgartner, General Manager of MKEC at P.O. Box 344, McGrath, AK 99627; phone: (907) 524-3360. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://rca.alaska.gov> by typing Docket "TA139-343" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., December 9, 2016, at the Commission's address given above or via our website at:

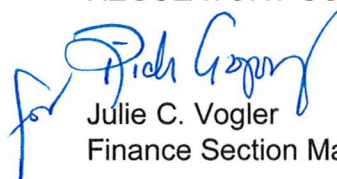
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Please reference TA139-343 and include a statement that you've filed a copy of the comments with MKEC at its address given above or at [baumgartner.ernie@gmail.com](mailto:baumgartner.ernie@gmail.com).

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DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

  
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