Notice of Depreciation Filing

The REGULATORY COMMISSION of ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that on December 29, 2017, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utilities (AWWU) filed depreciation studies proposing revised deprecation rates for its water division (AWU) and its wastewater division (ASU). Docket No. U-17-104 was opened to address this matter.

Depreciation expense is a material cost of business that may be recovered through regulated utility rates. As a result, a change in depreciation expense may lead to a change in a utility rate that consumers pay. No change in consumer rates is proposed by this filing.

The proposed depreciation rates applied to AWU would result in an annual increase of \$2,353,002 over current rates. The proposed depreciation rates applied to ASU would result in an annual net increase of \$3,558,333 over current rates.

The Commission may approve, deny, or modify, in whole or in part, the depreciation rates proposed by AWWU. The Commission may set conditions on approval.

You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting Michael S. McLaughlin, Guess & Rudd P.C., 1029 West Third Avenue, Suite 400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; phone: (907) 793-2200. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office, 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; Phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website, www.rca.alaska.gov by typing Docket U-17-104 in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., February 5, 2018, at the Commission's address given above or via our website at:

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

Please reference the docket number and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with Michael S. McLaughlin, Guess & Rudd P.C., at the addresses given above.

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Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 5th day of January, 2018.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Stephen McAlpine Chairman