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#### THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

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John M. Espindola, Chair Steve DeVries Mark Johnston Robert M. Pickett John C. Springsteen

In the Matter of Setting a Base Amount for Power )
Cost Equalization Calculations for Fiscal Year )
2026

U-25-010

ORDER NO. 1

ORDER ISSUING NOTICE OF PROPOSED BASE AMOUNT FOR POWER COST EQUALIZATION CALCULATIONS, ESTABLISHING COMMENT DEADLINES, SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING, ADDRESSING TIMELINE FOR DECISION, DESIGNATING COMMISSION PANEL, AND APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

BY THE COMMISSION:

In accordance with the provisions of AS 42.45.110(c)(2) and 3 AAC 52.610(b)-(c), we notify electric utilities and the public of the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2026 power cost equalization (PCE) base amount of 20.38 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) and the data supporting that amount. Two appendices of supporting information are attached to this order—Appendix A and Appendix B. Appendix A shows the calculation of the weighted average retail residential rate in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau to be \$0.2038/kWh, or 20.38¢/kWh. Appendix B is a comparison of the current FY 2025 and the proposed FY 2026 PCE base amount calculations.

#### **Comment Deadline**

Written comments on the calculation of the FY 2026 PCE base amount must be submitted to us by 5 p.m., June 2, 2025, and should reference Docket U-25-010.

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Please file comments at our address located in the left margin of this order or via our website at: <a href="http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx">http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx</a>, referencing Docket U-25-010. Due to the nature of this proceeding, commenters are not required to serve their comments on the other entities listed on the service list for this order. Copies of comments will be posted on our website at <a href="http://rca.alaska.gov">http://rca.alaska.gov</a> or may be requested at our regular copying rate.

# **Public Hearing**

We will hold a public hearing to receive verbal comments on the calculation of the PCE base amount of 20.38¢/kWh at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in the East Hearing Room of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska and via Cisco Webex, unless other arrangements are ordered.¹ We request that any person interested in participating in the hearing via Cisco Webex email our law office assistants at <a href="LOA.RCA@alaska.gov">LOA.RCA@alaska.gov</a> to request an invitation no later than 12 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2025.²

#### Timeline for Decision

Under 3 AAC 52.610(c), we are required to issue an order establishing the PCE base amount no later than 60 days after notice of the proposed PCE base amount is issued. Therefore, we will issue a final order by July 1, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation, auxiliary aid, service, or alternative communication format in order to participate in the scheduled event, please contact Steve Jones at 907-276-6222, toll free at 1-800-390-2782; or TTY/Alaska Rely at 7-1-1, toll free at 1-800-770-8973; or send your request via electronic mail to at <a href="mailto:rca.loa@alaska.gov">rca.loa@alaska.gov</a> at least three business days before the scheduled event to make the necessary arrangements.

Any person that is interested in participating virtually via Cisco Webex should email our law office assistants at <a href="mailto:rca.loa@alaska.gov">rca.loa@alaska.gov</a> to request an invitation no later than 12 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2025, to make the necessary arrangements. Please note that all visitors must sign in and out at the front desk when visiting the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>Id.$ 

# **Commission Panel**

The chair designates Commissioners Steve DeVries, Mark Johnston, Robert M. Pickett, and John C. Springsteen and himself as the Commission Panel and further designates himself as the Commission Docket Manager.<sup>3</sup>

# Administrative Law Judge

Under AS 42.04.070(b), the chair appoints Administrative Law Judge Nolan S. Oliver to facilitate conduct of the docket.<sup>4</sup> Orders issued by the administrative law judge will be considered orders of the Commission for purposes of petitions for reconsideration under AS 42.05.171.

# **ORDER**

#### THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS:

1. By 5 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2025, interested persons may file written comments on the proposed base amount of 20.38 cents per kilowatt-hour for power cost equalization calculations for fiscal year 2026.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Under AS 42.04.080(a), the chair designates a Commission Panel to hear, or, if a hearing is not required, to otherwise consider and decide docketed matters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>See 3 AAC 48.165.

- 4. Commissioner John M. Espindola is designated as the Commission Docket Manager.
  - 5. Nolan S. Oliver is appointed as the administrative law judge.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 2nd day of May, 2025.

#### BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION



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