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## The Denali Commission Awards Dick Levitt of Gustavus Electric Company, Inc. with the 2007 Community Champion Award

Anchorage, AK - - December 3, 2007 – The Denali Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the 2007 recipient of the Denali Commission Community Champion Award. The Commission's Community Champion award goes to an individual who ensures the creation of strategies, systems, and methods for achieving performance excellence, stimulating innovation, building knowledge and capabilities, and ensuring organizational sustainability. Community Champion's inspire, motivate and encourage the community to contribute, develop and learn; to be innovative and creative.

Dick Levitt with Gustavus Electric Company, Inc. has championed efforts in his community through his role at the Gustavus Electric Company, Inc. In addition to committing over 20 years of his time and energy to his community, Mr. Levitt has personally funded a substantial portion of the Gustavus Hydroelectric project including design and even secured an act of Congress for a land swap with the government prior to grant funding being awarded. Levitt also obtained the necessary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) permit as a condition of the land swap.

The Denali Commission recognizes Dick Levitt's dedication in his notable efforts in Gustavus. The Commission is pleased to present Dick Levitt with the 2007 Community Champion Award. The Denali Commission recognized Dick Levitt at their quarterly meeting held in Anchorage on November 29, 2007. Dick was unable to attend the meeting.

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