

Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Program Progress Report

Grantee: Alaska Power Company (a/k/a Alaska Power and Telephone Company)

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Period of Report: First Quarter 2008 (January 1 through March 31, 2008)

Project Name: Tok-Chistochina Regional Intertie Project

Project activities completed:

Chistochina Line Extension

- One family need to return to the area to completion of their power service.

Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- One half mile of right-of-way prepared for construction including moving trees to the public access points
- Met with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) archaeologist to rerouting the line to a less treacherous location and was given clearance to work on the right-of-way.
- The cold weather caused multiple breakdowns a subcontractor's equipment. These equipment problems forced an AP&T crew to finish the right-of-way.
- BLM archaeologists conducted on site monitoring of ground disturbances in rerouted area.
- Completed marking of proposed line route.
- One and a half miles of line were completed.

Mentasta to Broken Bridge

- Alaska Historical Resource Survey (AHRS) research was conducted with the State Historical Preservation Officer's (SHPO) regional representative.

Slana, Grizzly Lake, Indian River Circuit

- Margie Goatley, Alaska Historical Office review and compliance archaeologist, mandated an archaeological survey before initiating construction including previously disturbed construction areas.
- AP&T staff attended a SHPO class introducing their AHRS data base
- John and Dolly obtained information from the AHRS data base
- Right-of-way clearing was opened for bids with site visits by bidding parties. Contract negotiations began the winning bidder.
- Several archaeologists were interviewed about conducting archaeological studies in areas between Chistochina and Slana.

Project existing or potential problems:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) may a survey of the Native allotments

- Archaeological and cultural findings during ground disturbing activities slow or halt construction with the potential to change pole placement or route.
- The National Park Service is suggesting it may require the power service line built to the Cobb Lake residents be installed underground making construction cost prohibited.

Activities Targeted for Next Reporting Period, Second Quarter 2008:

Chistochina Line Extension

- More customers will return enabling their connection to power service

Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- Line construction completed.

Mentasta to Broken Bridge

- Obtain required paperwork from native landowners.
- BLM grant utility easement.

Slana, Grizzly Lake, Indian River Circuit

- Contract archaeologist and initiated required surveys.
- Complete negotiations and contract with subcontractor to right-of-way.
- Get line rout marked and right-of-way cleared within Ahtna holdings.
- Deliver, frame, and set poles within Ahtna holdings.
- Begin line installation