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In reply refer to: Finance Section

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Subject: Suspension of Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Disbursements to the Nome Joint Utility System (NOME)

Dear Mr. Handeland and Ms. Aubry:

NOME's PCE Annual Report (annual report) and Fuel Report (fuel report) filings are due annually to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) by May 31,¹ and January 31,² respectively. Commission records show that as of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received the following required reports for NOME:

- Annual reports for the years 2022, 2023, or 2024³
- Fuel reports for the years 2023, 2024, or 2025⁴

Commission Staff has contacted NOME on multiple occasions to remind the utility of its filing obligations.⁵ NOME's most recently missed filing deadlines were May 31, 2025 (for the 2024 annual report) and January 31, 2026 (for the 2025 fuel report). Pursuant to 3 AAC 52.680(c),⁶ and 3 AAC 52.680(e),⁷ the Commission hereby recommends suspension of PCE disbursements to NOME until the 2024 annual report and the 2025

¹ NOME's annual report due dates were prescribed by the Commission in a letter issued April 13, 2005 ([TR0502193](#)).

² NOME's fuel report due dates were prescribed by the Commission in Letter Order [L0500265](#) issued May 18, 2005.

³ The last annual report was filed December 15, 2022 ([TR2204783](#)). NOME requested an extension of time to file its 2022 annual report to November 30, 2023 ([TR2304142](#)), which the Commission granted in Letter Order [L2300345](#), issued October 9, 2023, but NOME failed to meet the extended deadline as requested.

⁴ The last fuel report was filed January 30, 2023 ([TR2300487](#)).

⁵ Commission Staff sent filing due date reminders to NOME on September 19, 2023 ([TR2304154](#)), June 6, 2024 ([TR2402703](#)), and December 9, 2025 ([TR2504765](#)).

⁶ [3 AAC 52.680\(c\)](#) states: "If a participating electric utility fails to file its annual report when due, the PCE becomes interim and refundable on the date the annual report was due, and the commission may recommend that further PCE disbursements to the utility be suspended until the annual report is filed and the commission establishes permanent PCE rates."

⁷ [3 AAC 52.680\(e\)](#) states: "If a participating electric utility fails to file its periodic fuel or purchased power cost report when due, the PCE becomes interim and refundable on the date the report was due, and the commission may recommend that further PCE disbursements to the utility be suspended until the utility files its periodic fuel or purchased power cost report and the commission establishes permanent PCE rates."

fuel report are filed and the Commission establishes permanent PCE amounts for NOME.⁸ In accordance with 3 AAC 52.680(a),⁹ NOME's PCE support became interim and refundable as of the initial date of noncompliance, which was November 30, 2023.¹⁰

If NOME has any questions regarding this letter, please contact Zack Walters, Utility Financial Analyst at (907) 263-2131 or by email at zack.walters@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Espindola', is positioned above the printed name.

for John M. Espindola
Chair

⁸ While prior reports are also overdue, only the most recent reports are required to determine permanent PCE amounts.

⁹ [3 AAC 52.680\(a\)](#) states: "If a participating electric utility fails to comply with any of the requirements of AS 42.45.100 - 42.45.190 or 3 AAC 52.600 - 3 AAC 52.670, the power cost equalization (PCE) of that utility becomes interim and refundable effective as of the initial date of the noncompliance."

¹⁰ NOME's 2022 annual report was due November 30, 2023 per [L2300345](#), issued October 9, 2023.