



SENATOR DENNIS EGAN

January 27, 2015

Mr. John Matkowski
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: P-13563-003

Dear Mr. Matkowski:

I am writing in support of access to abundant, affordable hydroelectric power for the communities I represent. I understand you have an application to license a project at Sweetheart Lake within my district, designed to do just that.

The beauty of hydroelectric projects in my part of the United States is that they can be designed not to harm anadromous fish runs. The Sweetheart Lake project not only protects wild run fish, but is planned to enhance a valuable and popular personal use fishery for sockeye salmon. The history of hydropower in my region is also one of replacing tremendous quantities of diesel fuel otherwise used for home heating and powering remote mining operations.

The carbon-free savings hydropower brings to consumers, businesses, and government in Southeast Alaska benefits our economy and the state and national treasuries. An abundant supply of environmentally responsible power ensures my constituents have opportunities to build a bright future for their children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dennis Egan", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Dennis Egan