

Dear Unalaska City Council Members and City Manager:

I have extensive professional experience working in and around many of the power producing facilities in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, from the perspective of power production, system efficiency, management, and cooperative negotiations. There is no compelling evidence to discredit the current offers provided by OCCP, LLC for the proposed Makushin Geothermal Project as they relate to power production and power sales for the future of our community.

Much of the analysis, reports and presentations to date that highlight the potential risks and potential of financial benefit to the community are not in alignment with those I have experienced when discussing the same rates, the same operational costs, the same efficiencies and the same desires of many of the same facilities for over 10 years. For reasons unbeknownst to me, datasets appear to be skewed, absent or not presented. Efficiencies and fuel prices presented are the most optimistic estimates instead of historical averages or actual data. Data is stated to be speculative or derived from models. Facilities inputs are stated as derived by comparing to other known city cost, yet actual production data is readily available, but that data does not appear to be integrated.

While it is great to be optimistic that we may be able to continue to cheaply pollute our community with low cost diesel fuel, there appears to be no consideration of providing power from an alternative energy source, with negligible emissions and stable power prices for 20+ years into the future, even with estimates at the same cost. With all great rewards some risk was required, millions were risked on docks and infrastructure improvement on the hope of additional marine traffic to Unalaska, millions have been spent on utility improvements, much with the intent of having the ability to sell power to the larger industries. These expenditures were for nothing if we do not continue to evolve and develop those relationships and desires and take calculated risks to fully realize them. We each make this community; each resident, each small business owner, each large corporation and every employee and laborer who calls upon Unalaska's resources and services on a daily basis. Together we make up this community and we leverage the systems that make it possible for us to thrive.

But, at this time, like many have seen in the past, a select few people that are not residents, and not individuals who will call Unalaska home in 20 or 30 years, with minimal practical experience in Unalaska and its industries are deciding what might be best for all of us. Recommendations are being formed without directly involving those in the community with firsthand knowledge of the systems, individuals who can help inform and provide the data that is readily available to make a sound, statistically significant, cooperative decision, founded on facts, not hypothesis and unrealistic dreams of cheap oil.

Therefore, I support any efforts by the City of Unalaska to continue to work with OCCP, LLC, but in a cooperative and more transparent fashion, not led solely by individuals who live thousands of miles away from our community with nothing to lose regardless of the outcome. I encourage the city to use the knowledge that resides in this community each day, knowledge that will continue to reside in this community and whose families and children will be the ones realizing the decisions made today.

Let us decide together how geothermal power can provide additional resources to our community by working with OCCP, LLC to improve electrical production and increase Unalaska's energy security.

OC, through its joint venture with Chena Power, is presenting the Community of Unalaska with an opportunity to be part of what may be a historic moment. I encourage the City of Unalaska to continue to work towards an agreement with OC and Chena Power for the Community of Unalaska: for our businesses, for our residents and for those of us who will continue to call this home long after this discussion has been forgotten, long after the consultants return home.

If there is any doubt to its feasibility, its risk vs. reward, I again urge the City to actively reach out to local, knowledgeable individuals in the industry for their input regarding both potential pitfalls and potential gains of the project. Use this information in a collaborative manner to work with OCCP, LLC. This should be remembered not as a discussion about how two parties negotiated against each other, but how a community came together to form what could be a great agreement. We are a community, let us decide as one, this is one we can't get wrong.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Matthew M Scott.