



**Date: June 16, 2020**

**To: Mayor Tutiakoff, Unalaska City Council, City Manager**  
**From: Qawalangin Tribe, CEO, Chris Price**

**Subject: Geothermal Power in Unalaska**

Dear City Council, City Manager, and Mayor Tutiakoff,

The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska strongly supports the City of Unalaska and our community partners in moving forward with green energy power generation for our Island. We support the development of the Makushin Volcano geothermal resource here on our Island as a strategic way to expand and diversify our local economy. We believe this project is in the best interest of the community and the tribe. We encourage the City of Unalaska and OC/Chena Power (OCCP, LLC) to come to an agreement, providing clean, efficient and economical power to the community for years to come.

The Qawalangin Tribe is uniquely situated to support a project of this magnitude, considering our special relationship with our federal partners, specifically the Department of Energy and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Department of Energy has specific tribal energy programs including workforce development, education, technical assistance and technology driven project efficiency programs. In addition, the tribe brings BIA Tribal Transportation program funding, assisting with road construction, maintenance, and bridge construction. We also have a strong environmental team here at the tribe ready to assist with many aspects of the environmental permitting process.

Geothermal power will provide the community with enhanced electrical production, increasing energy security and provide for future economic development. Unalaska will benefit from lower electric bills to the consumer and industry, and consistent utility rates. In addition to powering the City, geothermal power will stimulate Unalaska's involvement in additional sustainable industries such as agriculture and help farming, accommodating advanced technologies, installing green energy infrastructure, appealing to eco-tourism and adventure travel.

I respectfully ask your support for this project and encourage the City of Unalaska to form an agreement with OC/Chena Power that works for our amazing, unique, and diverse community. Thank you for your special consideration and attention to this important issue that will greatly improve our community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Chris Price

CEO, Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska

