

SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY

Special Board Meeting (Held electronically)

AGENDA

	JULY 18, 2025 SEAPA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING									
Time	Event									
2:00 PM	Meeting Starts	For telephonic participation dial: 1.888.475.4499								
3:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns	Meeting ID No. 896 3661 1370								

1. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Communications / Lay on the Table Items
- C. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Persons to be Heard
- 4. New Business

A. Consideration of Resolution Re AEA Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program

- 5. Next Meeting Dates
- 6. Director Comments
- 7. Adjourn

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Date: July 11, 2025

To: SEAPA Board of Directors

From: Robert Siedman, P.E., CEO

Subject: Resolution Re Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program

Staff has kept the board updated on its funding endeavors for SEAPA's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency Project including construction of a Ketchikan Substation. The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) announced it is accepting applications through August 4, 2025 for their Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program. The program's objective is to improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events. A grant of up to \$2,000,000 may be applied for with a 100% cash match required. The attached Resolution No. 2025-103 elaborates on the history, purpose, needs, cash match, and benefits served by applying for this grant funding.

Please consider the following motion:

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to adopt the Southeast Alaska Power Agency Resolution No. 2025-103 authorizing Robert Siedman, CEO, to sign and submit a grant application to the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) for AEA's Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program, to commit to the obligations under the grant, and to act as an established point of contact for the grant.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 2025-103



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-103**

Resolution Approving Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program Application for SEAPA's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency Project including construction of a Ketchikan Substation

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is a Joint Action Agency organized pursuant to State Statute; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA owns the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Facility and Swan Lake Hydroelectric Projects in Southeast Alaska, which provide renewable hydroelectric power to Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA recognizes that additional renewable resources will be needed in the future to meet loads in Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA's five-year Strategic Plan identified the need for a Third Turbine at its Tyee Hydroelectric Facility to meet the horsepower demands of Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Wrangell. Additional horsepower will require delivery capacity (a substation) in Ketchikan. This project will result in a shovel-ready design and construction cost estimate for a substation in Ketchikan sized and designed to service load growth needs in Ketchikan; and,

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Substation Project is crucial for ensuring the region's energy resiliency and accommodating forecasted load growth driven by the interconnection with Metlakatla, new residential and commercial construction, dock electrification initiatives, increased demand from beneficial electrification, including heat pump conversions, and future energy-intensive infrastructure projects; and,

WHEREAS, an investment in the Ketchikan Substation Project will add redundancy to aging transformers nearing the end of their useful life, enhancing grid reliability and reducing independence on costly diesel generation; and,

WHEREAS, the infrastructure will double Ketchikan's energy delivery capacity, improve system resiliency, and enable the integration of future renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, and hydrokinetic power; and,

WHEREAS, the project is fully designed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license requirements verified, and procurement ready to proceed. With support, this investment will ensure the long-term sustainability of Southeast Alaska's energy infrastructure while reducing reliance on fossil fuels and promoting economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, SEAPA recognizes the benefit of constructing the Ketchikan Substation Project and seeks to apply for funding of \$2,000,000 (or the maximum allowable) from the Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula (40101(d)) Grant Program for its Southeast Alaska Delivery



Resiliency Project (SEADR), which includes design, permitting, and construction of substation; and,

WHEREAS, as a part of the application for a grant the AEA requires that SEAPA present a cash match. SEAPA is currently requesting \$2,000,000 (or the maximum allowed amount). SEAPA's cash match includes \$425,579 spent in SEAPA's FY2024 budget for Engineering/Design, \$618,750 already approved in SEAPA's FY2025 budget for site works, and also forecasted in the FY2026 budget is an additional \$1,724,350 for procurement and installation of a Ketchikan substation, totaling \$2,768,679. The approved funds will be presented as matching funds, and to the extent SEAPA needs additional funds, SEAPA has submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending Request of \$3,439,000 to help fund the Ketchikan Substation Project.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Power Agency is in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws including existing credit and federal tax obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board of Directors approves the application for funding of \$2,000,000 (or the maximum allowable) from the Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula (REF) Grant Program for SEAPA's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency Project (SEADR), which includes design, permitting, and construction of a substation in Ketchikan; and,

RESOLVED, that the Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board of Directors authorizes Robert Siedman, its Chief Executive Officer, to sign the stated grant application, commit to the obligations under the grant, including the \$2.7 million matching resources already approved for the Project, and to take all necessary steps to seek additional state or federal funding, and to act as an established point of contact to represent the Southeast Alaska Power Agency for purposes of the stated grant application.

This Resolution No. 2025-103 was duly PASSED and ADOPTED by SEAPA's Board of Directors on the 18th day of July 2025 in Ketchikan, Alaska.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY

By_

Robert Lynn, Chairperson

Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST:

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SEAPA 2025 BOARD MEETING DATES

Date(s	5)	Weekday(s)	Location or Format	Comments
January	17	Friday	Electronic	2PM Special Meeting: Introductions of New Board Members and Election of Officers
March	27	Thursday	Ketchikan	9-5PM Regular Meeting
May	29	Thursday	Electronic	2PM Special Meeting: Consideration of Tyee 3 rd Turbine Procurement Contract
June	25-26	Wed-Thurs	Wrangell	25th: 1-5PM; 26th: 9AM-1PM Regular Meeting
July	18	Friday	Electronic	2PM: Special Meeting: Consideration of Resolution
August	19-20	Tues-Wed	Petersburg	19th: 1-5PM; 20th: 9AM-1PM Regular Meeting
October	30	Thursday	Ketchikan	Time: TBD - Special Meeting to be held in person for an executive session to evaluate the Agency's CEO and potential Work Shop
December	3	Wednesday	Ketchikan	9-5PM Regular Meeting: Highlight is FY2026 Budget

(See attached for additional information on 2025 meeting dates and events)

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2025 MEETING DATES / EVENTS

(Updated 07/09/2025)

JANUAF	RY		FEBRUARY							
Date	Organization / Event	Location		Date	Organization / Event	Location				
1 (W)	SEAPA Holiday (New Year's Day)	N/A		3	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG				
2	KTN Council Mtg	KTN		4-6	APA Legislative Conference	Juneau				
6	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	1	6	KTN Council Mtg	KTN				
14	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG		11	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG				
16	KTN Council Mtg	KTN		11-13	SE Conference-Mid Session Summit	Juneau				
17 (Fri)	SEAPA Special (Annual) Bd Mtg 2-5PM ***Elect Officers***	Electronic		17 (M)	SEAPA Holiday (President's Day)	N/A				
20	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG		18	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG				
28	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG		20	KTN Council Mtg	KTN				
			1	24-26	NW Hydro Association Conference	Seattle				
				25	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG				

MARCH	I		APRIL		
Date	Organization / Event	Location	Date	Organization / Event	Location
3	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	1-2	NHA Waterpower Week	Wash DC
6	KTN City Council Mtg	KTN	3	KTN Council Mtg	KTN
11	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG	7	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG
17	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	9	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG
20	KTN Council Mtg	KTN	17	KTN Council Mtg	KTN
25	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG	21	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG
27 (Th)	SEAPA Regular Board Mtg	KTN	22	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG
31	NHA Waterpower Week	Wash DC	30	NWHA Technical Workshop	Kennewick WA

MAY			JUNE		
Date	Organization / Event	Location	Date	Organization / Event	Location
1	NWHA Technical Workshop	Kennewick WA	All Month	SEAPA Hydro Plants Shutdown	SWL/TYL/STI
1	KTN City Council Mtg	KTN	2	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG
5	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	3-5	APA Federal Legislative Conf	Wash DC
13	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG	5	KTN Council Mtg	KTN
15	KTN Council Mtg	KTN	10	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG
19	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	16	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG
26 (M)	SEAPA Holiday (Memorial Day)	N/A	19	KTN Council Mtg	KTN
27	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG	24	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG
29	SEAPA Special Bd Mtg 2-5PM	Electronic	25 (W)	SEAPA Regular Bd Mtg 1PM-5PM	WRG
			26 (Th)	SEAPA Regular Bd Mtg 9AM-1PM	WRG

JULY			AUGUS	г	
Date	Organization / Event	Location	Date	Organization / Event	Location
3	KTN Council Mtg	KTN	4	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG
4 (Fr)	SEAPA Holiday (Independence Day)	N/A	7	KTN Council Mtg	KTN
7	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	18	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG
17	KTN Council Mtg	KTN	19 (T)	SEAPA Regular Board Mtg 1PM-5PM	PSG
18 (F)	SEAPA Special Board Mtg 2-3PM	Electronic	20 (W)	SEAPA Regular Board Mtg 9AM-1PM	PSG
21	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	21	KTN Council Mtg	KTN
21-24	AEGIS Policyholders Conference	Boston	26	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG
22	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG			

2025 MEETING DATES / EVENTS

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Date	Organization / Event	Location	Date	Organization / Event	Location					
1 (M)	SEAPA Holiday (Labor Day)	N/A	2	KTN Council Mtg	KTN					
2	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	6	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG					
4	KTN Council Mtg	KTN	14	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG					
9	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG	16	KTN Council Mtg	KTN					
15	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG	20	PSG Assembly Mtg	PSG					
16-18	Southeast Conference Annual Mtg	Sitka	28	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG					
18	KTN Council Mtg	KTN	30 (Th)	SEAPA Special Board Mtg	Electonic					
23	WRG Assembly Mtg	WRG								
23-26	APA Annual Meeting	Cordova								

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER Location Location Date **Organization / Event** Date **Organization / Event** PSG Assembly Mtg PSG 1 PSG Assembly Mtg PSG 3 KTN Council Mtg SEAPA Regular Board Mtg 9AM-5PM KTN 3 (Wed) **KTN** 6 SEAPA Holiday (Veteran's Day) KTN Council Mtg 11 (Tu) N/A 4 KTN 12 WRG Assembly Mtg WRG TBD Alaska Municipal League Annual Mtg Anchorage 17 PSG Assembly Mtg PSG 9 WRG Assembly Mtg WRG 20 KTN Council Mtg KTN 15 PSG Assembly Mtg PSG 25 WRG Assembly Mtg WRG 18 **KTN Council Mtg** KTN SEAPA Holiday (Thanksgiving) SEAPA Holiday (Christmas Eve) 27 (Th) N/A 24 (W) N/A 28 (F) **SEAPA Holiday (Day After)** N/A 25 (Th) **SEAPA Holiday (Christmas Day)** N/A

SEAPA Board Meetings noted on the above calendar are scheduled around the following:

Petersburg Borough Assembly Meetings	1st & 3rd Monday every month
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Meetings	Same as Petersburg every month
City and Borough of Wrangell Meetings	2nd & 4th Tuesday every month, except only one meeting held in July, August, and December: July & August: <u>only 4th Tuesday mtg held</u> December: <u>only 2nd mtg held</u>
Ketchikan City Council Meetings	1st & 3rd Thursday every month