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Dear Mr. Schaff:

The State of Alaska reviewed Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge's scoping letter regarding the proposed installation of vertical axis wind turbines. The following consolidated state agency comments were compiled by the State's Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Implementation Program and cover issues relative to ANILCA and other state interests. Any correspondence or response pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act and the Alaska Coastal Management Program must be provided separately by the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management.

We are generally supportive of the Service's intent to install wind turbines at refuge facilities to decrease the refuge's utility costs. Wind energy can be a useful renewable energy source, especially in Alaska's remote areas.

According to the maps provided in the scoping letter, it does not appear the proposed sites are located on federal land and at least one of the sites is located in the vicinity of state land. When addressing land status, if any of the proposed facilities affect state land, please contact the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Southcentral Region to determine if authorization is required.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. We are interested in remaining on the distribution list for the environmental assessment. Please contact me at (907) 269-7529 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Susan E. Magee
ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator