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United States Department of Energy  
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations  
1000 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Support and Commitment for TKC's Aniak Solar PV & Battery Project

Dear DOE,

On behalf of the City of Aniak, we would like to extend our support for The Kuskokwim Corporation's (TKC) ambitious initiative, as they seek to secure the Department of Energy Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: DE-FOA-0003045 "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas." We wholeheartedly endorse this project, which aims to construct a robust solar-battery hybrid system in Aniak. Such a venture holds the promise of significantly reducing our community's reliance on costly imported diesel fuel, while simultaneously catalyzing a local economy centered around sustainable power generation.

Like many rural Alaskan communities, Aniak contends with some of the highest energy costs in the country. The logistical challenges associated with fuel transportation only compound these costs. In this context, TKC's proposed solar and battery initiative represents a beacon of hope and a tangible step towards mitigating these challenges, driving us towards a sustainable future.

As the municipal governing body of Aniak, we recognize and value the potential of partnering with a Tribally owned Independent Power Producer (IPP) such as TKC. This collaboration not only promises economic revitalization through the reinvestment of funds derived from electrical sales but also sets the stage for a greener, more sustainable energy infrastructure for our community. We are aware that TKC and Aniak Light & Power have already begun drafting a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). We are optimistic about the timely finalization and signing of this agreement before the project's onset. Furthermore, we agree to working with TKC on site control for the project's solar PV array if the ideal location happens to be on the City's land.

We eagerly anticipate joining forces with TKC and the DOE. Together, we believe we can spearhead a movement towards reducing diesel dependency, fostering energy independence, and crafting resilient power solutions for our community and others like it across Alaska.

Warm regards,

City of Aniak City Council

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