

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2025-19**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER
AGENCY’S SOUTHEAST ALASKA DELIVERY RESILIENCY (SEADR) PROJECT
AND APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY
GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, SEAPA owns and operates the Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project, which provides renewable hydroelectric energy to Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg depends on the continued reliable and resilient delivery of hydropower to support residential, commercial, and municipal energy needs and to reduce dependence on diesel-generated power; and

WHEREAS, the SEAPA Board of Directors has identified through its Strategic Plan the urgent need for infrastructure improvements to meet future demand, including construction of a new substation in Ketchikan that will expand energy delivery capacity across the regional grid; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Ketchikan Substation is a critical component of SEAPA’s Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency (SEADR) Project, which is designed to enhance grid reliability, enable future interconnections such as the Metlakatla–Ketchikan tie, reduce risk of outages, and support economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the SEADR Project directly benefits Petersburg by strengthening the regional grid that delivers our hydropower, providing redundancy for aging infrastructure, and enabling system-wide capacity improvements that will support electrification, climate resilience, and future growth in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, SEAPA is seeking \$2,000,000 (or the maximum allowable) in funding from the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program to support the design and construction of the Ketchikan Substation, with SEAPA matching this funding through cash and capital investments already budgeted and underway; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough supports SEAPA’s pursuit of funding to reduce long-term regional energy costs and improve energy reliability for member communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska, that:

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1. The Petersburg Borough expresses its strong support for SEAPA's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency (SEADR) Project, including the construction of the Ketchikan Substation;
2. The Borough supports SEAPA's grant application to the Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program for this project;
3. The Borough encourages state and federal agencies to prioritize funding for this critical regional infrastructure project that will benefit Petersburg and other Southeast communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska this 4th day of August, 2025.

Donna Marsh, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk