

## AVEC Projects Approved

On February 16, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approved funding for 77 projects from the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund. Six of those funding requests were submitted by AVEC, for a total of \$9,875,758. Those projects will get under way within weeks.

Wind farms in Quinhagak and Mekoryuk will be developed starting this summer, with expectations that the wind energy will be on line in 2010. These two projects account for about \$7 million.

Our wind farm in Toksook Bay will see the addition of a fourth wind turbine with about \$1 million of grant funds so the community—and Tununak and Nightmute—can realize the full benefit of their excellent wind regime.

We have proposed modest solar projects in the communities of Ambler, Noatak and Shungnak, each of which was expected to produce enough electricity to lower the cost of fuel by about 5 percent. Only one of the projects, in Ambler, was approved for a total project cost of about \$600,000, but we hope a successful project there will pave the way for others in our high-cost communities.

We will be spending \$225,000 of grant funds to develop final designs for a 300-kilowatt hydro project to serve Old Harbor. We initially developed designs for a bigger, more expensive project a few years ago, but that project was shelved because permit and operating costs were going to be higher than using diesel-fired generation. With today's higher oil costs, we are revisiting an alternate project design that should have a better chance of feasibility.

We will work with NANA to conduct a hydroelectric feasibility study to serve the upper Kobuk region and will receive about \$1 million for the study. We have filed for federal permits to study both the Kobuk and the Old Harbor hydro projects and will work closely with local, state and federal agencies as the projects move along. We also have filed for permits to study a hydrokinetic project between Brevig Mission and Teller.

In addition to funds AVEC will receive, our communities will benefit from other projects receiving funding. The city of Hooper Bay, for example, will receive funds to design a wind project to heat its water utility. The Northwest Arctic Borough hopes to develop wind projects to serve Buckland, Deering and Noorvik. AVEC will work with the NWAB to bring this project to fruition.

When AVEC wins funding for projects such as these, the communities receive 100 percent of the benefits of those funds. No middlemen and no external shareholders draw benefits from the projects. It is Alaskan money being put to work entirely to serve Alaskans, and we are very proud of the success we have demonstrated with our previous projects.

Until Next Time,



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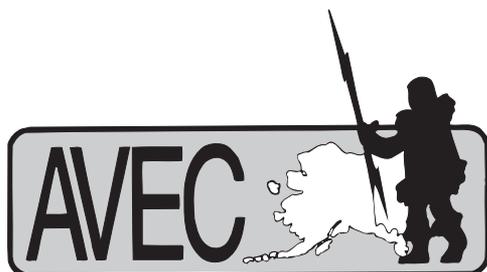
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