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FORMAL PROCEEDING

STATE OF ALASKA
THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Before Commissioners:

Gordon J. Zerbetz, Chairman; and B. Richard Edwards.

In the Matter of the Complaint of the City of Selawik Against the ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

U-75-17

ORDER NO. 1

ORDER ESTABLISHING FORMAL PROCEEDING AND SETTING HEARING ON COMPLAINT

On December 30, 1974, the City of Selawik, through Mayor Allen Ticket, filed with the Commission an informal complaint against ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (AVEC), ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (AVEC), alleging that AVEC conducted discriminatory and unfair practices in its service of electricity to the City of Selawik and the individual electric consumers of AVEC in the City. By letter dated January 2, 1975, Mr. Jesse L. Baker also complained to the Commission of the unsatisfactory services being furnished by AVEC and contended that AVEC will not be able to meet the community of Selavitic needs for AVEC will not be able to meet the community of Selawik's needs for

AVEC will not be able to meet the community of Selawik's needs for electricity within 1 year.

By letter dated January 3, 1975, the Commission instituted an informal investigation with regard to the allegations of these complaints. The Commission staff in its informal investigation requested AVEC to answer the allegations contained in the complaint of the City of Selawik. On January 22, 1975, the Commission received a letter from AVEC addressed to Mayor Ticket, responding to the complaint. The answer in essence denied the allegations of the City of Selawik.

The Commission staff has recommended to the Commission that the Commission consider the complaint and answer in a formal proceeding because it does not appear to the staff that the City of Selawik is satisfied with the answers given by AVEC and the staff believes that further attempts at resolution of this matter are not

believes that further attempts at resolution of this matter are not possible without a formal Commission proceeding.

It is the Commission's opinion, therefore, that a formal proceeding should be instituted and that the City of Selawik should carry its burden of proof that AVEC violated or is in violation of any provision of AS 42.05 (Alaska Public Utilites Commission Act).

AVEC is also placed on notice that the Commission after the public hearing in this matter, could issue an order, pursuant to AS 42.05 and specifically AS 42.05.291(b) prescribing the reasonable, safe, adequate, sufficient service or facilities to be observed, furnished, enforced, or employed, including all repairs, changes alterations, extensions, substitutions or improvements in facilities that are reasonably necessary and proper for the safety, accomodation, and convenience of the electrical consumers in Selawik.

In the event, however, that Mr. Baker and the Mayor of Selawik reach an accord of their complaints with AVEC prior to the hearing of this matter, the Commission upon written request from Mr. Baker, Mr. Ticket and AVEC will dismiss this complaint without prejudice.

ORDER

ORDER THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The informal investigation, C-75-1, of the complaint filed by Mr. Allen Ticket, Mayor, City of Selawik, Selawik, Alaska, and Mr. Jesse L. Baker, Selawik, Alaska, against Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc., is hereby made a formal proceeding. The complaint of the City of Selawik and Mr. Baker and the answer to the complaint of the City of Selawik filed by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc., and all other documents filed in the informal proceeding C-75-1 are hereby incorporated into this docket.

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2. The Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc., is hereby placed on notice that as a result of this formal proceeding this Commission could issue an order pursuant to AS 42.05.291(b) prescribing the reasonable, safe, adequate, sufficient services or facilities to be observed, furnished, enforced, or employed, including all repairs, changes, alterations, extensions, substitutions, or improvements in facilities that are reasonably necessary and proper for the safety, accomodation, and convenience of he consumers of electricity in the City of Selawik.

3. A public hearing on this complaint shall be held at the City of Selawik, in the National Guard Armory, on June 4, 1975, immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing in Docket U-74-112 scheduled for 1:30 P.M. on the same date and at the same place.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 1st day of May,

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BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISION

Letters from Here and There

Secretario de la companya del companya de la companya del companya de la companya del companya de la companya de la companya de la companya del companya de la companya della companya de la companya della companya della companya del Why Not Good Pair of Mukluks For This Man

9221 N.W. Ward Road Vancouver, Wash. 98662

I'm in a dilemma. I am a post Polio "fout." I can not wear regular shoes — or even "tenny runners" (tennis shoes).

So for 21/2 or 3 years I've worn

moccassins.

Today I woke up to physical rain — outside again. My present moccassins are Oglala made - but

they sure aren't water proof.
Can someone up there come up with lighter weight "mukluks" that are waterproof. Down here we can't use the warm of a real mukluk — even in winter time.

No one knows how to water proof these moccassins down

I have 2 fusions and 2 pins in the left foot. And weight drives me crazy. I can't tolerate more than a few minutes at a time of it.

I gues you say the damage is from the waist down on the left side. (1 1/2 short) I don't know where else to turn.

Would it work to make the sole out of a water proof skin — and

the top out of regular leather?
The Navajo boot works better than the regular instep tie design for me — but I'll take whatever

Please, can some one help me? It isn't fun walking in wet feet.

Thank you.

Stickman Too Old To Love or Learn

Galbraith Lake, Alaska April 26, 1975

My Dear Friend:

Well. Howard, I've been called for jury duty May 5th so I'll be in Saturday. I can not make the 9 weeks on the slope.

The rumors here is a big layoff by Green Contractors April 30. That's the last day on the contract

Also heard the steward on the job gets layed off last, so I'm

I got the Wien's ticket from the University to come to school April 29th & 30th but I can't come in for that. I'm too old for school now, besides I can't understand what its for and besides I cannot learn very much in 2 days.

I'll return the airplane ticket when I go in.
No sign of spring here as yet.

There is one think I don't like here is when they move someone in my room, Last year when I first hit Old Man's Camp on the slope, one day when I got off work there was a long-hair blonde sleeping naked in my room. He was one of the surveyors, and he was out for 3 days camp out and not much sleep. This is how he was passed out naked.

Next they moved a colored man in my room. You know there are a lot of people that don't like to stay in the same room with an Indian, that's me.

Gee, sure hate it, but I have to put up with it.

And another I don't like here is no radio reception. I get Nome and Anchorage around midnight but too much static. I sure miss

the radio.

Lot of girls here but only 2 l know. But what a 65 year old man got a chance with those hungry guys on the slope. I have just as much show as a snow ball in hell. Fred StickmanSr.

P.S. Naturally, I can't afford a Wants Limited Entry small fortune to buy! Repealed, More Positive Programs

April 29, 1975

Dear Editor:

Limited Entry is a governmental attempt to solve the problem of too many boats by creating a new bureaucracy instead of trying to find the real roots of the problem, which on closer examination

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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

Doreen A. Jackson certifies as follows:
That I am a Secretary I in the offices of the Alaska Public Utilities
Commission, 1100 MacKay Building, 338 Denali Street, Anchorage,
Alaska 99501.

Tht on the 1st day of May, 1975, I mailed true and accurate copies with postage thereon to the parties indicated on the attatched service list of

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in the above-entitled cause. DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 1st day of May, 1975. Doreen A. Jackson.

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Allen Ticket, Mayor City of Selawik Selawik, Alaska 99770

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turns out to be the failure of other governmental bureaucracies.

Last year was the first time in my working life that I didn't pay income taxes, because Uncle Sam and Alaska said, Dave, you are doing the country a favor by buying a boat. I used the Investment Credit and took 7% of the value of my shrimp boat and deducted it directly off my tax bill. If I should have good seasons the next two years I could put all profits into a Capital Construction Fund set up by the NMFS, promise to build a new boat or make major boat or make major improvements in my old boat, and for two years continue to pay no income taxes. The fourth year I could buy a new boat using a low interest, low down, long-term federal loan, and not even have to sell my first boat since I could have a substantial down payment in my Capital Construction Fund. Also, since Congress has just raised the investment credit to 10% I would have a new big tax break with my second boat, and continue to pay no taxes.

These are some of the ways that processors and fleet builders have over-capitalized our fleets. I'm an independent Alaskan fisherman—I like my boat and don't want another, so this and future years I'll be paying taxes and subsidizing the fleet builders I'm competing with.

This is the problem of our way of promoting growth—particular-ly when applied to our fishing industry. I imagine McDonald's avoids paying taxes as long as he keeps building more hamburger stands, and the hamburger-eaters stands, and the namburger-eaters might keep growing in number, but we only have a limited number of fish, at the present.

Fishermen are out there catching not just fish, but dollars. Most fishermen's minds are like a

cash register—they know the payday before they hit the dock. Instead of the government's handling fishermen dollars with tax subsidies and write-offs, it should eliminate the subsidies and let our industry get back on an even keel, and then maybe in the future take away a few dollars in taxes and plow that money back into more fish. That would be a natural form of limiting entry that would help the fish and the fishermen and cut down government costs instead of this uncoordinated, multi-headed monster that is multi-headed monster that is driving us crazy, wasting our money, doing nothing for the fish, and pitting brother against brother. Let's repeal Limited Entry, work to eliminate the tax gimmicks, and get on with some positive programs to help the fish. Limited Entry is an attempt to hold down the lid on a pressure cooker with force instead of simply turning off the fire.

Dave Herrnsteen Box 1704

Kodiak, Alaska 99615

years an Alaskan; nine years full-time commercial fisherman; owner/operator F/V BONANZA; B.A. in Economics, 1964)

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