

Approves Chugach Electric Contract with Tyonek

Senator Ted Stevens announced that the rural electrification administration has approved contracts between the Tyonek Indians and Chugach Electric Association.

According to Stevens, REA approval permits the sale of a gas generator to Chugach Elec-

tric for a "cash payment" and the installation of a ten mile tieline connecting Tyonek to the Beluga generating station.

Chugach Electric will supply electric power to the village under the new contract.

Stevens had been notified by

Robert L. Crow, general manager of the Native Village of Tyonek, that a failure of their power supply for a period of

eight days had caused the loss of all the frozen fish put up by the village for the winter and that it might be difficult to

open the Tyonek school without power.

The village originally purchased the generator when a gas field was discovered in the reserve it had leased; but the gas reserve proved inadequate and the village had to barge diesel oil from Anchorage.