

March 16, 2022  
City of Valdez, Alaska

Senator Shelley Hughes  
Chairman, Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
State Capitol Room  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

## **SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 177: MICROREACTORS**

Dear Senator Hughes:

The City of Valdez supports Senate Bill 177, and urge passage during the current legislative session so electric utilities in Alaska considering Micro Modular Reactors (MMRs) can move forward with projects under a streamlined permitting process.

The City of Valdez is grateful that electric utilities across the State of Alaska, including Valdez local provider Cooper Valley Electric Association (CVEA), are constantly innovating and integrating new technologies that support providing safe, reliable, and affordable power. MMRs are a viable source of power that have the potential to lower the cost of energy for Alaskans.

The City of Valdez is also supportive of SB 177 because electric utilities seeking to permit MMRs will have to satisfy state and federal permitting requirements. Additionally, Valdez appreciates that State law requires any municipality having jurisdiction has approval authority over site selection.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and City Council passed attached Resolution No. 22-17, in support of Senate Bill 177.

Thank you for considering City of Valdez support for Senate Bill 177.

Sincerely,

Mark Detter  
City Manager  
City of Valdez

(Attached Resolution No. 22-17)