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Railbelt Transmission Organization Files Open Access Transmission Tariff on Schedule

ANCHORAGE, Alaska July 7, 2025 — The Railbelt Transmission Organization (RTO) has filed a proposed non-discriminatory Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), meeting the statutory deadline of July 1, 2025, as established under House Bill 307 (HB 307). After forming the RTO and adopting its charter and bylaws in December 2024, the organization secured its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the RCA in May 2025, fulfilling a key requirement established by HB 307.

HB 307 established the RTO to develop and administer a non-discriminatory OATT that will provide for recovery of transmission-related costs with a new mechanism that fairly recovers and equitably allocates the costs of operating the backbone transmission system. The goal is to reduce existing economic constraints that impact the ability for the most affordable, reliable energy to be utilized anywhere on the system, regardless of geographic location.

The filing marks an initial and important step in the RTO's efforts to restructure the Railbelt's transmission system for regional power transactions and remove impediments to competition. The current filing seeks to secure RCA approval of the OATT's terms and a formulaic cost-recovery methodology that is non-discriminatory, consistent with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission standards, and transparent to consumers across the Railbelt.

The OATT reflects a meaningful collaborative effort between the entities composing the RTO. As with all tariffs, the RTO's OATT will evolve over time and, with additional work and studies, the RTO is optimistic that the goals set forth by the Governor and Legislature can be achieved in the coming years.

The filing has been posted by the RCA, as **TA1-8001** and can be viewed [here](#).

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About the Railbelt Transmission Organization

The Railbelt Transmission Organization (RTO) is a division of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) for administrative purposes. It is governed by representatives from AEA; the Alaska Electric & Energy Cooperative, a subsidiary of Homer Electric Association, Inc.; Chugach Electric

Association; Golden Valley Electric Association; Matanuska Electric Association; the City of Seward, and the Railbelt Reliability Council as ex-officio nonvoting member. To learn more, visit akenergyauthority.org/rto.