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## **Former RCA Commissioner now at AIDEA/AEA**

**Anchorage - Jim Strandberg** was recently hired as a Project Manager for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) and the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). He will be in charge of a variety of energy and utility projects for the Authorities, including the Alaska Intertie Operating Committee.

Jim comes to AIDEA from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, where he served as a Commissioner since 1999. Born in Anchorage and a life-long Alaskan, he attended UAF receiving a BS in Mechanical Engineering, then a MS in Arctic Engineering in 1983.

Yesterday, Governor Murkowski announced Strandberg's appointment to a Southeast Alaska Intertie Work Group. Strandberg will serve along with Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner Mike Barton, who also serves on the Board of AIDEA/AEA, to analyze if there are sufficient economic reasons to export hydroelectric power from Southeast to British Columbia, using a recent \$3.2 million appropriation from the Legislature.

"I am asking Jim Strandberg of AEA to supervise this important study," said Governor Murkowski, "and I am asking Commissioner Barton to put together a steering group to help guide the study."

A registered mechanical and civil engineer in Alaska, Jim has worked in rural and urban areas, including on the design team for the Trans Alaska Pipeline. As a Mechanical and Utilities designer, he worked in private practice designing heating, ventilating and air conditioning, district heating and power plant systems.



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