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AEA Announces Energy Plan Town Hall Meetings Public Forums Scheduled for 25 Communities

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) announced Energy Plan Town Hall meetings to be held in twenty-five communities throughout Alaska, starting April 28 in Palmer and concluding June 4 in Anchorage.

“Our goal is simple: We must reduce the cost of energy in Alaska by using locally available energy resources,” said AEA Executive Director and Energy Coordinator Steve Haagenson. “To reach that goal we are engaging Alaskans in the process of creating and deploying solutions that will not only provide stable-cost energy now, but will help ensure affordable, reliable energy for our children and grandchildren as well.”

Teams comprised of representatives from AEA, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) and the Denali Commission will be traveling throughout Alaska to meet with the public, business, community and regional leaders and utility managers.

“We are holding these Town Hall meetings to gain answers for two fundamental questions,” Haagenson said. “First, we want to ask Alaskans what they know about local energy resources and which resources they think could possibly be developed to help lower costs. Second, we want to ask residents which resources they prefer not to develop, and why.”

Alaskans are invited and encouraged to participate in this process by attending a Town Hall meeting or by e-mailing comments to energycoordinator@aidea.org. Comments may also be sent to Alaska Energy Authority, Attn: Steven Haagenson, 813 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

Energy Plan Town Hall Meeting Schedule:

- Palmer: April 28, 4-9 PM, Palmer Community Center (Railroad Depot)
- Soldotna: April 29, 5-9 PM, Kenai Visitors & Cultural Center
- Fairbanks: April 30, 4-8 PM, Carlson Center, Arthur Buswell Pioneer Room

- Galena: May 1, 5-9 PM, High School
- Ft. Yukon: May 1, 4-8 PM, Council Elders Hall
- Tok: May 1, 4-8 PM, Tok Visitors Center
- Bethel: May 6, 4-8 PM, Cultural Center
- Aniak: May 7, 4-8 PM, Community Hall
- Nome: May 8, 4-8 PM, Mini-Convention Center
- Kotzebue: May 8, 4-8 PM, Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers
- Valdez: May 12, 4-8 PM, Valdez Convention and Civic Center
- Naknek: May 14 (time and location to be announced)
- McGrath: May 14, 4-8 PM, Captain Snow Building, Assembly Room
- Dillingham: May 15 (time and location to be announced)
- Unalaska: May 20, 4-8 PM, The Grand Aleutian Hotel, Makushin Room
- Sand Point: May 20 (time and location to be announced)
- Kodiak: May 22, 4-8 PM, Kodiak College
- Juneau: May 27, 5-9 PM, Centennial Hall Ballroom 1
- Ketchikan: May 28 (time and location to be announced)
- Wrangell: May 28, 4-8 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers
- Craig: May 29 (time and location to be announced)
- Kake: May 29, 4-8 PM, Community Hall Gym
- Barrow: June 2 (time and location to be announced)
- Glenallen: June 3 (time and location to be announced)
- Anchorage: June 4 (time and location to be announced)

More information on the Alaska Energy Plan and updates to the Town Hall meeting schedule are available at www.akenergyauthority.org.

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