Tanana Chiefs Conference Energy Program Projects



"Stronger Together for the Next 100 Years"



The Organization

Tanana Chiefs Conference is a Tribal Consortium representing 42 federally recognized tribes, and 37 villages.

MISSION: "Tanana Chiefs Conference provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people."



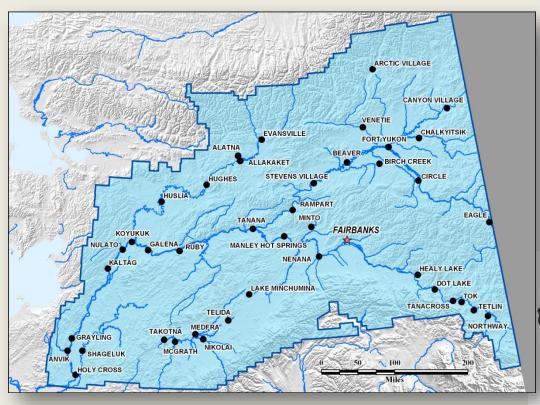








The Region



- •235,000 Square Miles
- •37% of the State
- •Extreme Subarctic
- Majority off road system
- •Avg. Village load is about 100-150 people, 75kW load
- •Roughly the size of Texas, fewer miles of road that Rhode Island







TCC Energy Program Goals

- 1. Reduce the cost of Energy in Rural Alaska
- 2. Build Capacity in Rural Communities
- 3. <u>DO NOT get</u>
 overwhelmed by the
 enormity of the
 challenge







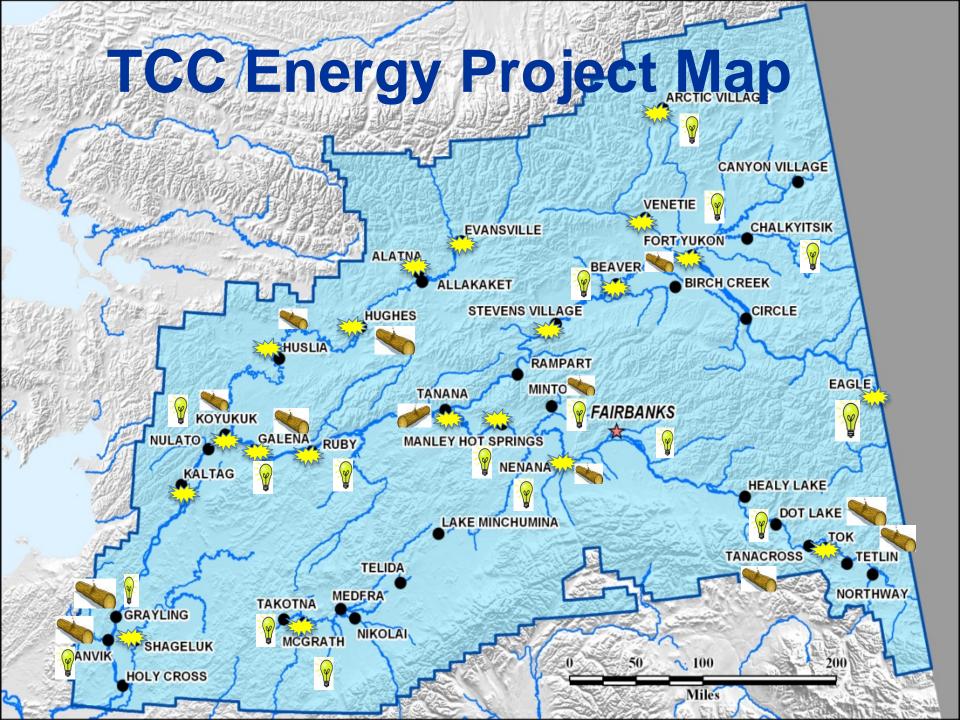
TCC Energy Model

1. Collect Data and Plan!

2. Efficiency First!

3. Renewable Energy (BIOMASS! SOLAR!)







Past Projects "Portfolio"

- 18 kW solar PV array in Fort Yukon DOE START, \$128k
- Weatherization projects in Minto and Koyukuk \$500k
- High penetration 150kW solar pv array in Hughes \$623k
- Inter-Tribal Tech Assistance Providers Network TCC \$1 mill
- VEEP Energy Efficiency in McGrath, Minto \$200k /ea
- Diesel Generator Loan Arctic Village \$100k
- Anvik and Minto Biomass Projects \$650k
- RACEE Projects in Holy Cross, Ruby, Galena, \$1.2mill
- Northway Transmission Project
- Manley Hot Springs Village Council Interconnection Project





Lakeview Lodge







Leveraging Outside Expertise: Minto, Alaska

April 2013 – Had a check signed and about to be put into the mail to purchase a Biomass Boilers:

Problems:

- 1. No historical energy use data
- 2. Poorly insulated building
- 3. Tribe was going broke on heating/electric bills





Lake View Lodge: During Efficiency Work







Minto Alaska START Successes

- 1. All local labor used to renovate building
- 2. LED lighting installed throughout
- 3. Upgraded Thermostat/boiler system
- 4. Additional Insulation in Attic, walls and floors
- 5. Biomass CORRECTLY SIZED FOR THE HEATING LOAD
- 6. Building can be FULLY UTILIZED by tribal staff!
- 7. Estimated 50% reduction in Energy Use



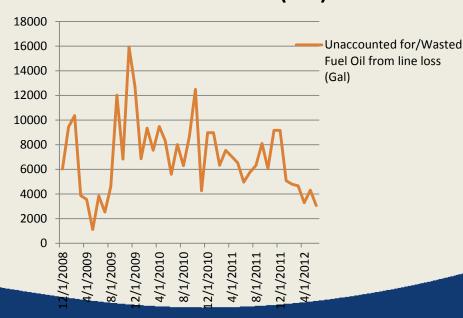


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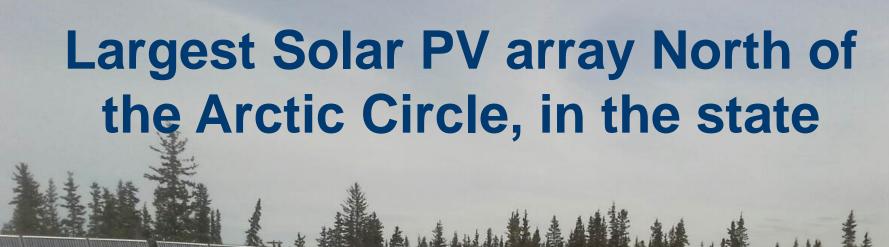
....b/c this is the approach we are taking on energy and the Dept of Energy has helped us get there

- 1. Attacking Utility Line Loss
- 2. Utility Maintenance
- 3. PCE "Audits"
- 4. Renewable Energy

Unaccounted for/Wasted Fuel Oil from line loss (Gal)













Status

Solar on Clinics

- Manley Village 6kW
- Ruby Clinic 5kw
- Koyukuk Clinic solar ready!



Regional Energy Planning

- AEA Funded Interior Energy Plan
- Energy Stakeholders:
 - Tribes
 - School Districts
 - City Governments
 - Utilities
 - Corporations
- There is no "one-size-fits-all" approach





2016-2021 DOE Award

Interior Athabascan Energy Capacity Building Network (IAECBN – we're working on hats and t-shirts)

- 1. 5 years of funding for an additional energy staff member
- Modeled after the Kodiak "Forum" and the Northwest Arctic Borough Energy Working Group
- Hoping to set new construction standards for public buildings by working with CCHRC and IRHA
- 4. Funding to Support more planning and projects in the pipeline
- 5. Support to complete case studies and broadcast our projects
- 6. Funding to complete additional line loss study/mitigation





Imagine where we can go...

- Reduced Reliance on Imported Diesel Fuel
- New homes that burn 130 gal of fuel oil/yr?
- Utility Cooperatives that can support each other
- Decreased Electric Rates
- Funding to complete additional line loss study/mitigation
- Sustainable energy future for our villages





It Takes a Village...

Thank you DOE, Office of Indian Energy for being our Village!

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