

Fivemile Creek Hydroelectric Project

Grantees	Chitina Electric, Inc. (Utility-Private)
Technology Type	HYDRO
Region	Copper River/Chugach
AEDG Project Code	10137

REF Grants Received

Round	App	Grant Title	Grant #	AEA Project #	Phase	Start Date	End Date	Status
2	236	Fivemile Creek Feasibility/Conceptual Design	2195456	407058	Feasibility	7/24/09	6/30/15	Active
4	682	Fivemile Creek Hydroelectric Project	7040012	407058	Final Design	7/1/11	12/31/15	Active

Grant 2195456: Fivemile Creek Feasibility/Conceptual Design

Project Scope: The Alaska Energy Authority and Chitina Electric, Inc. will use the grant funds to complete feasibility study, conceptual design and permitting; with the requirement that the feasibility report affirms that a Fivemile Creek hydroelectric project near Chitina, Alaska is practical before subsequent funding is provided for conceptual design and permitting. Work includes environmental assessment, site control, permitting, penstock routing, intake structure location, turbine house, equipment selection and tail race design.

On behalf of the Grantee and through a separate grant agreement funded by the Denali Commission, the Authority has previously completed conceptual design, final design, and construction is underway for the diesel powerhouse and associated distribution tie line adjacent to the mouth of Fivemile Creek. The proposed hydroelectric project would provide power to the new powerhouse.

Preliminary investigation work along with initial stream gauging at Fivemile Creek mouth was previously completed in May of 2008 under the grant for the powerhouse upgrade project. A Notice to Proceed has been issued for additional stream gauging at the proposed intake location on Fivemile Creek.

Project Status: The feasibility report prepared by CRW is titled “Chitina Alaska Conceptual Design Report Fivemile Creek Hydroelectric Project” and is dated January 13, 2012.

The grant was amended in Feb 2014 with the scope of work consisting of permitting documents and completion of 65% design documents. Almost all the funds under the grant have been expended and the grantee’s contractor (CRW through AEA) provided drawings titled “Chitina, Alaska, Fivemile Creek Hydroelectric Project, 65% Design Drawings, September 2014”. Permit status is not known other than FERC ordered licensing is not required (May 2012).

AEA expects to perform some additional hydrological work in the spring of 2016 to shore up the feasibility analysis and address powerhouse location options with ADF&G. This grant is expected to close after remaining funds are expended to prepare a design build contract to complete the project.

As of Nov. 30, 2013	Budget	Expenditures
Renewable Energy Funding	\$303,000.00	\$302,455.47
Other State Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total State	\$303,000.00	\$302,455.47
Required Local Match	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Grant Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Project Costs	\$303,000.00	\$302,455.47

Grant 7040012: Fivemile Creek Hydroelectric Project

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