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Copper Valley Electric Receives \$10 Million in Appropriations for Allison Creek

Copper Valley Electric Association is very pleased the \$10.0 million for the Allison Creek Run of the River Hydroelectric Project was included in the final 2011 capital budget signed by the Governor.

CVEA requested \$10 million in appropriations to help fund the project because it will lower the Allison Creek cost of power for members. Assuming Allison Creek is financed 100% with 7%, 30 year debt, the first year cost of power is projected to be 21.3¢ per kilowatt hour. According to Robert Wilkinson, CVEA CEO, "Every \$1 million of grant funding reduces the project's cost of power by .5¢. This \$10 million grant applied to Allison Creek will save the members 5¢ per kilowatt hour and that adds up to real money."

CVEA is confident that these appropriations remained in the budget, in part, due to the efforts of the membership. CVEA encouraged members to show their support for this project by signing petitions and writing letters to the Governor. Members from all communities within the CVEA service territory signed petitions, signed letters, and wrote personal letters to the Governor's office. In total, the Governor's office received over 1,000 communications and/or signatures. Sharon Crisp, Manager of Member Services, stated, "CVEA sincerely thanks everyone who participated. This effort exemplified the Cooperative spirit and made a difference."

CVEA's work has been conducted under a three year preliminary permit issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2008. The permit expires on August 31, 2011 at which time CVEA will file an application for license to construct the Project. The Allison Creek Hydroelectric Project will produce a maximum of 23.3 million kilowatt hours of energy during the high flow months of May through October and will displace 1.6 million gallons of diesel fuel annually.

If you have any questions regarding this or any CVEA issue, please contact Sharon Crisp at 835-7005, 822-5506 or email crisp@cvea.org