

January 25, 2018

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
632 W. 6th Ave
Anchorage AK, 99501

Dear Mayor Berkowitz,

This is to advise you that I am resigning as Municipal Light and Power Commissioner as of January 24, 2018. I am grateful to you for reappointing me to the ML&P Commission. ML&P continues to meet its goal of providing efficient reliable power to its customers. The utility has an outstanding leadership team lead by General Manager Mark Johnston, and a talented dedicated work force. It has been an honor to serve on this commission.

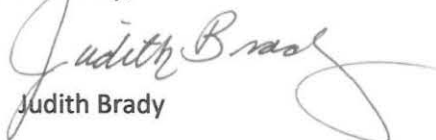
As you know I support your decision to review whether or not ML&P should be sold to Chugach. As you are also aware, I am also troubled by the process. Two nights ago the Anchorage Assembly voted to put the question on the April Ballot. This vote includes a change to the Municipal Charter to lower the required public vote from 60% to 50%. This vote was taken after a series of executive session by the Assembly, in which the details of such a sale were discussed and decided. These discussion and information on which they were based remain confidential. The Municipal Ordinance identified the value of ML&P at \$1 billion; the study determining this value is also confidential. This is the first time in Alaska's history a transaction of this size has been put on the ballot based on confidential information and after only one public hearing.

While the Assembly made it clear, if the public voted "yes" to approve the sale, there would be several months of continued negotiation, my concern is that these negotiation would continue to be in executive session. I am also concerned the only information available to the public will be from a Chugach PowerPoint in which only cites their benefits. I point out that I have been a member of Chugach since 1970 and have as much interest in their success as I do in ML&P's.

Mayor Berkowitz, I want to thank you for being open to me expressing my concerns at the public hearing. While understanding that you are always open to different points of view, I am uncomfortable serving on a Municipal Commission and publicly expressing views that may not agree with Municipality's position. It is for this reason I have elected to resign. I hope to be of service in other ways.

If the public votes to sell ML&P to Chugach, I hope the Municipality and Assembly will consider establishing an advisory group that investigates the challenges and benefits of the sale and debates these pros and cons at public Assembly sessions. This advisor group should include both ML&P and Chugach employees as well as business interests. The process would fit the present time frame. The goal would not be to defeat the sale, but identify the criteria for success and give the public confidence. The bottom line is keeping the lights on; this is worth full disclosure of challenges and benefits.

Sincerely,


Judith Brady