

## Over 30 Years of Railbelt Electric Grid Reform Efforts

<b>1986</b>	Railbelt Energy Fund established
<b>1998</b>	Joint Committee on electric utility restructuring established
<b>2003</b>	Alaska Energy Policy Task Force established
<b>2005</b>	Alaska Railbelt Energy Authority Joint Action Agency established
<b>2008</b>	Railbelt Electrical Grid Authority (REGA) proposed
<b>2010</b>	Greater Railbelt Energy & Transmission Company (GRETC) proposed
<b>2011</b>	Railbelt Integrated Resource Plan (RIRP) completed
<b>Spring 2014</b>	Utilities begin discussions to form an Independent System Operator (ISO) for the Railbelt  American Transmission Company (ATC) begins negotiations with Railbelt utilities to form a transmission company (“Transco”)  Legislature appropriates \$250,000 for the RCA to study the Railbelt system
<b>Jan 2015</b>	Legislature introduces HB 187 to create an ISO
<b>May 2015</b>	Alaska Center for Energy & Power (UAF) completes Railbelt system study for RCA
<b>June 2015</b>	RCA sends letter to the Legislature with Railbelt <i>Findings and Recommendations</i>
<b>2016</b>	Utilities file quarterly progress reports with the RCA on voluntary efforts to address RCA recommendations
<b>Feb 2017</b>	Chugach, ML&P and MEA announce a “tight power pool” for the Anchorage area
<b>April 2017</b>	Anchorage Economic Development Corporation urges merger between ML&P and Chugach
<b>August 2017</b>	The Alaska Railbelt Cooperative Transmission and Electric Company (ARCTEC) hires a consultant (GDS) to form the Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC)
<b>Dec 2017</b>	Chugach announces offer to purchase ML&P
<b>Spring 2018</b>	Legislature introduces HB 382 to form an ISO  Chugach, ML&P and MEA announce “tight power pool” efforts “on pause”
<b>April 2018</b>	GDS Report releases recommending formation of the RRC
<b>Fall 2018</b>	Utilities release first draft of a MOU to form the RRC
<b>Feb 2019</b>	Alaska Railbelt Transmission (ART) files for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the RCA to become a Transco
<b>May 2019</b>	ART withdraws its CPCN filing to become a Transco for the Railbelt after Chugach and MEA decide not to join
<b>Spring 2019</b>	ML&P acquisition goes to the RCA for review  HB 151 and SB 123 introduced to support the formation of the RRC
<b>Dec 2019</b>	Utilities agree to final draft RRC MOU, and all six sign it
<b>Jan 2020</b>	RCA releases follow-up report on its June 2015 letter to the legislature
<b>March 2020</b>	SB 123 passes to ensure the formation of an Electric Reliability Organization (ERO)