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MEA Members Say “Yes” to Local Power, “No” to Imported Power – 911 Write-In Ballots Talled

PALMER – After counting 9,471 ballots in the recent MEA advisory vote, 7,115 of which favored local generation, the MEA Elections Committee hand tallied 911 write-in ballots today.

The committee decided on seven groups based on noticeable trends from the handwritten comments.

Comment Trends:	TOTAL	Eagle River	Palmer	Wasilla
Natural Gas	67	8	37	22
Use Coal	42	8	21	13
No Coal	172	14	90	68
Renewable Resources or Green Energy	424	57	192	175
Cooperation	78	19	36	23
Nuclear	13	2	9	2
Misc. Suggestions	115	19	64	32

Total Write-In Votes Cast	911	127	449	335
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“The write-in ballots cast make up about 10 percent of the total ballots received,” said Lorali Carter, MEA Manager of Government and Corporate Communications. “These trends give us a good understanding of member opinion regarding power generation,” she added.

“I encourage those members who participated in the write-in option of the ballot to view MEA’s website for additional information on renewable energy, nuclear power, emerging technologies, and power generation from fossil fuels,” said MEA General Manager, Wayne Carmony.

To learn more about MEA’s new generation plans, please visit the MEA website at www.mea.coop.

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