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| Alakanuk | Nightmute |
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| Goodnews Bay | St. Mary's |
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| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
| Mt. Village | Wales |
| New Stuyahok | |



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AVEC Loses Our Greatest Friend

Today is a very sad day for Alaska, for our villages and for me personally. Sen. Ted Stevens lies in repose in downtown Anchorage, and I will be paying him one last visit to bid him farewell and to tell him how much I appreciate all he has done for us during his extraordinary lifetime.

Sen. Stevens was one of the most gracious and caring people I ever met. He had much on his plate, but he never failed to treat me with the utmost kindness and consideration, and he never left a stone unturned in his quest to help our villages.

When Sen. Stevens created the Denali Commission in 1998, he was adamant he would bring rural Alaskans the essential infrastructure that urban Alaskans and other Americans take for granted every day. When AVEC was approached in 2000 to become the commission's only major nongovernmental energy partner, the hand of Ted Stevens was clearly visible. He believed in our little cooperative, and he trusted us to carry out his mission.

Ten years later, we have invested more than \$200 million in energy infrastructure in our communities. We have not only reduced operating costs through efficiencies and wind generation, we also have reduced rates across the board for all of our members, a fact that Sen. Stevens congratulated me on recently.

But the congratulations do not go to me or AVEC. They go 100 percent to Sen. Stevens. Without his passion to serve his fellow Alaskans, our villages would still be without running water, viable schools, reliable electricity ... the list is endless, as we have lived under his benevolent guidance since before statehood.

There aren't enough words to express the deep sorrow that I feel today. I feel as if I have lost a father, a brother, a friend.

Rest in peace, Ted Stevens. You have done good work.

Meera Kohler, President and CEO

