



# State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission

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Mr. Glen Thompson, Chair  
Ketchikan Charter Commission  
P.O. Box 1084  
Ward Cove, Alaska 99928

Re: Deadline for Reply Brief -- Ketchikan Consolidation Petition

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is in response to your request on behalf of the Ketchikan Charter Commission for an extension of the deadline for filing the Petitioner's brief in the pending consolidation proceeding. When the deadline was originally set for February 28, 2005, it was with my assurance that additional time would be granted if such were needed to prepare a proper reply.

I recognize that the proposal to consolidate the City of Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough – two of Alaska's more sophisticated and long-standing municipal corporations – is a complex matter.

I am pleased that the Ketchikan Charter Commission has clearly demonstrated its good faith by seeking additional time during which it will confer with officials of the two affected local governments. I am equally pleased that officials of those two local governments have also demonstrated their good faith by committing to work with the Consolidation Commission in an effort to address their concerns.

I will ask Mr. Bockhorst to stay in contact with you regarding this matter. Near the end of April, if things continue to go well, perhaps I can establish a specific revised deadline for the filing of the reply brief.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darroll Hargraves".

Darroll Hargraves  
Chair

cc: Mr. Karl Amylon, Manager, City of Ketchikan  
Mr. Roy Eckert, Manager, Ketchikan Gateway Borough