

EXECUTIVE ORDER 14421 . AUGUST 26TH, 2026

One sentence of federal
law names Alaska. The
order doesn't.

BULK POWER SYSTEM . 69 KV AND ABOVE

69



The law already answers this.

(k) "The provisions of this section do not apply to Alaska or Hawaii."

That is the entire subsection. It sits in the electric reliability section of the Federal Power Act, the section that created the national reliability organization regime.

16 U.S.C. 824o(k)

SUBSECTION HEADED ALASKA AND HAWAII



The order says why.

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"The rapid growth of advanced manufacturing, data centers, artificial intelligence, and defense production has increased the Nation's dependence on abundant, reliable electricity and magnified the consequences of a successful attack or supply disruption on the bulk-power system."

UNUSUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY THREAT

69 KV

IEEPA . NATIONAL EMERGENCIES ACT

[illegible][illegible]

What the order calls covered equipment.

SUBSTATION TRANSFORMERS

UTILITY-SCALE AND OTHER GRID-CONNECTED INVERTERS

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

EO 14421 SECTION 5(b)

Section 5(b) lists these among the bulk-power system electric equipment the order reaches. The last of them is qualified in the order as supporting critical infrastructure.



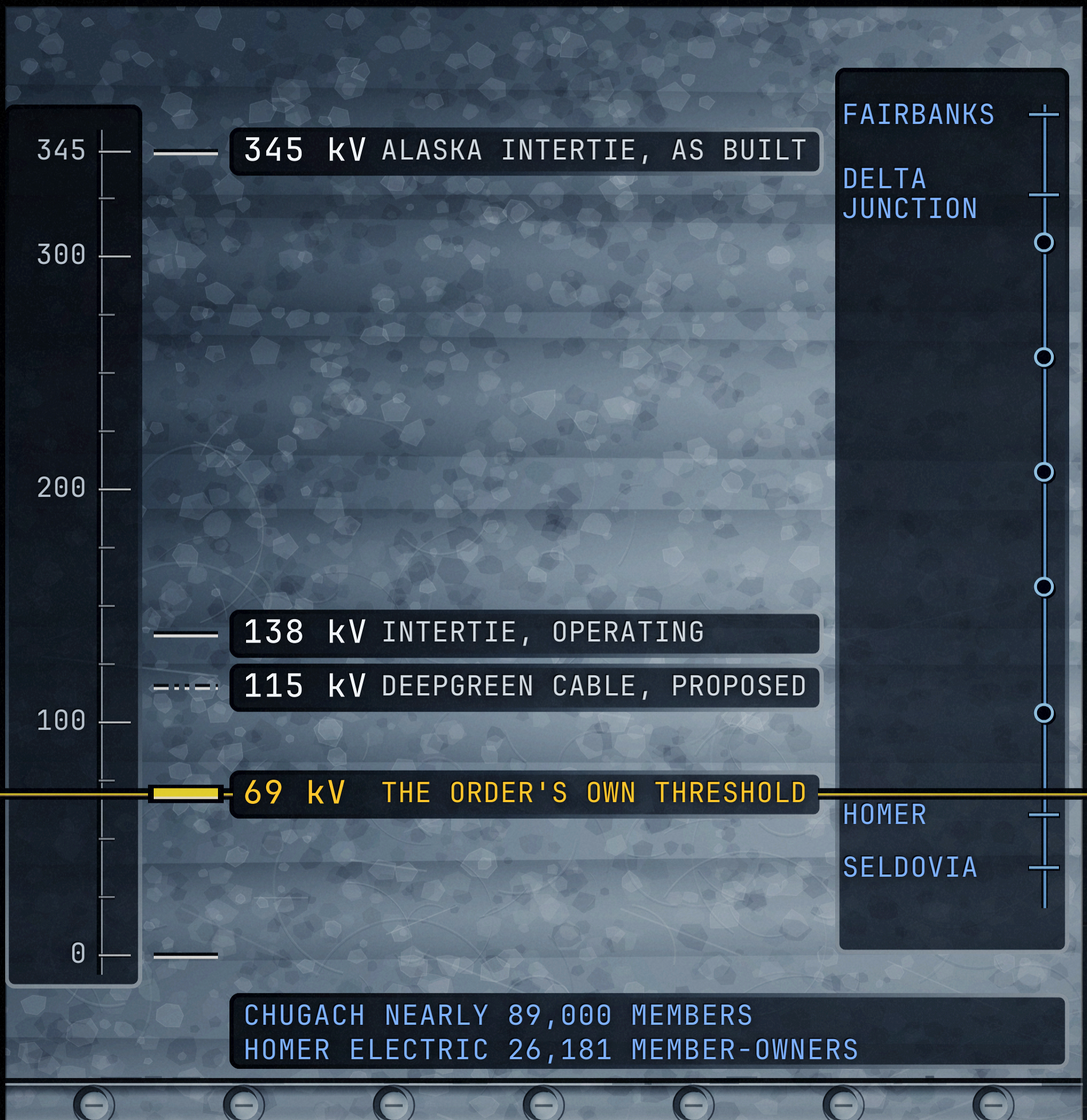
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One line, twice the threshold.

The Alaska Intertie runs 170 miles between Willow and Healy. The Alaska Energy Authority puts it at 138 kilovolts. The order's line is 69,000 volts.

Alaska sits above the threshold.



Three Alaska figures sit above the line and none below it.
Five utilities run nearly 700 miles between those towns.

Alaska's own agencies use both words.

RAILBELT RELIABILITY
COUNCIL

ISLANDED RAILBELT

ALASKA ENERGY
AUTHORITY

INTERCONNECTED

The Railbelt Reliability Council calls the Railbelt grid islanded. The Alaska Energy Authority calls the Alaska Intertie an integral part of the interconnected Bulk Electrical System. Both statements are on the record and they point in opposite directions.

RRC SAYS IT SERVES NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF ALASKANS
AKRRC.ORG . AKENERGYAUTHORITY.ORG

One question is open.

Question A-2 of the DOE request for information asks commenters to identify any equipment-specific voltage, capacity, connectivity, function, location, or criticality thresholds. The words Alaska, Hawaii, islanded and non-contiguous appear nowhere in it.

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THE RFI INFORMS IMPLEMENTATION
RULES COME AT 120 DAYS

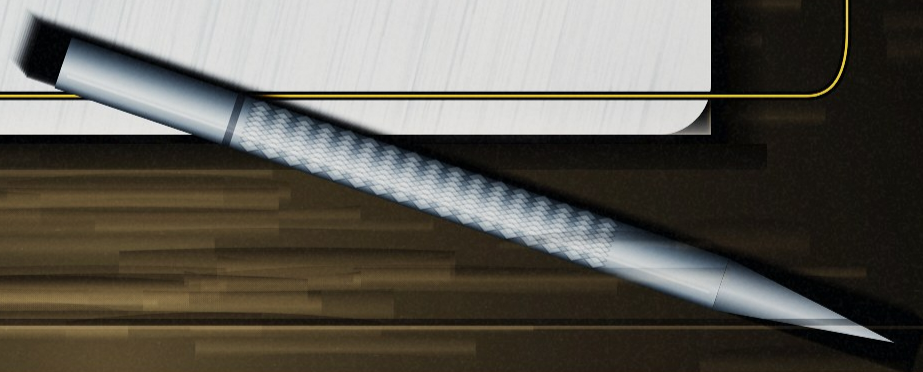
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**Nobody has said Alaska is in.
Nobody has said Alaska is out.**

Which threshold should Alaska ask DOE to
write down?

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