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I can't make the next Visitor Industry Task Force meeting but please add this to the pile of public comments.

Norwegian Cruise lines is ready to invest in our community through a "good neighbors" strategy. It seems like the idea of an Ocean Center is a popular focus for that investment but I'm not sure it's our best ask.

Selling shoreside energy to cruise ships seems like a great way to cut down on pollution / carbon emissions and turn Juneau into a revenue generating energy exporter. I'd love for our community to not just benefit through the sales tax and head tax but to require shore power of cruise ships. This can generate more income for city services in a way that is not so restricted as the head tax. Water sales and other shore-side utilities should have a similar community-wide benefit.

One problem with bringing cruise ships online is developing the capacity to serve that energy need. We may need another hydro facility. We may need some method of ramping up and ramping down that level of service since we'll essentially be serving a small city. We may need a means to store or utilize excess energy when ships aren't utilizing shore side electrical.

If AEL&P invests in these large scale projects it seems like it could cause a huge rate increase for local customers. So maybe it's a good option to ask Norwegian and other cruise lines to participate in helping us to achieve those goals in a way that won't harm residential customers.

I do like the idea of creating an ocean center on the waterfront to connect locals and visitors with access to ocean sciences and educational opportunities but maybe that would be better brought about by relocating the coast guard to Douglas or Auke Bay and utilizing the existing patch of federal land for a more public purpose in partnership with NOAA and with funding support from our congressional delegation.

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