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BARGING AHEAD WITH INTERTIE PROJECT

Mike Dinneen of The Times

Eric Yould, executive director of the Alaska Power Authority, is all smiles as the first shipment of components for electrical transmission towers linking Anchorage to Fairbanks are un-

loaded at the Port of Anchorage Tuesday. The shipment contained parts for 131 X-frame towers weighing more than 1,400 tons. Another four shipments are to arrive by the end of November,

bringing parts for 781 towers weighing 8,500 tons. Piledriving and foundation work is under way in the northern and southern sections of the 170-mile line, projected to cost \$122.5 million.

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GASHED BOW

The collision of two Korean freighters in the Unimak Pass Saturday has resulted in a federal lawsuit. K.S. Line, owner of the ship that survived the collision, says the accident was caused by the negligence of a freighter belonging to Pan Ocean Bulk Carriers. That firm's ship, the Pan Nova, sank about five miles north of Akun Island after its 28-member crew was evacuated. The damaged bow of the Swibon, K.S. Line's ship, is shown right. The Swibon is docked in the Port of Anchorage. In a suit filed Monday in federal court, K.S. Line asks for an unspecified amount of money to pay for damage to the Swibon. The firm charges the Pan Nova acted "in disregard of the international regulations for preventing collisions at sea." The Pan Nova was en route to Korea with a cargo of wheat. The Swibon was carrying the first shipment of electrical transmission towers for the Anchorage to Fairbanks intertie.

