

Annual meeting and election April 30

Four Chugach members run for board seats

Four Chugach members are running for two seats on the utility's board of directors in this spring's election. Each seat is for a 3-year term.

The candidates are Uwe Kalenka, Elizabeth "Pat" Kennedy, Jim Nordlund and Steve Pratt. Nordlund is an incumbent. There are also three bylaw proposals for members to vote on this year.

Kalenka is a self-employed property manager who has been a Chugach member since 1970, and previously served on the board. He is an NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director and received the NRECA Board Leadership certificate.

Kennedy is a self-employed state-licensed private guardian and conservator who has been a Chugach member since 1980. She is also a former board member and an NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Nordlund is a self-employed homebuilder and general contractor who has been a

Chugach member since 2004. He is currently serving as vice chair of the Chugach board and is an NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Pratt is an energy/economic consultant who has been a Chugach member since 1995.

The board set March 18, 2009, as the record date for the 2009 election and annual meeting. Only members of record – or the designated voting representatives of non-natural members – may vote by mail. In-person voting at the annual meeting is available for those members who have not cast a valid mail ballot. However, non-natural members, like businesses and



Uwe Kalenka



Pat Kennedy



Jim Nordlund



Steve Pratt

organizations, have the opportunity to designate an authorized voter after the March 18 record date but by April 20. A special mailing explaining these procedures was sent to non-natural members in mid-February.

Mail-voting packets were mailed to 66,034 Chugach members of record the week of March 30. Members have until noon on Monday, April 27 to return mail ballots.

Voting will also be allowed at the cooperative's annual meeting April 30 at the Egan Civic & Convention Center. Registration starts at 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Members should bring a photo I.D. to the annual meeting to help speed their registration. Results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting.

Director candidates address issues at forum

Chugach hosted a candidate forum for the four Chugach members running for the two seats on the board in this year's election. The event was held March 19 at the Millennium

Alaskan Hotel. About three dozen members attended.

Candidates had an opportunity to make opening statements. They were then asked several

prepared questions before responding to questions from the audience.

A podcast of the forum is available for viewing at www.chugachelectric.com.

Annual meeting update

March

18 Record date

30 Election packets mailed

April

27 Mail ballot cut off (noon)

30 Annual meeting, Egan Civic & Convention Center, registration at 6 p.m.; meeting starts at 7 p.m. In-person voting for record date members who haven't yet voted.

3 proposed bylaw amendments on the ballot

Association members are being asked to vote on three sets of proposed bylaw changes on this year's election ballot.

The proposed changes were developed by the Bylaws Committee. Both the committee and the board of directors support the amendments.

If approved the amendments would:

- Clean-up language to better conform the bylaws to actual practice and state law governing the Association, clarify existing bylaw language and streamline the way the Association does business.
- Clarify the number of members on the Election Committee.
- Modify the board of directors attendance requirements and methods to clarify when an automatic resignation is triggered, address absences, attendance requirements, and penalties for missing committee meetings versus board meetings, and expand the use of electronic communications to attend board meetings.

LevelPay can help

The highs and lows on your electric bill can make you wonder what your payment will be each month. Using LevelPay can smooth the way and level out those payments. With the LevelPay option, Chugach will average your 12-month usage and you will pay the same amount each month.

Members should have received the LevelPay enrollment forms with their March and April bills. Current LevelPay members will automatically be re-enrolled and do not need to complete a new enrollment form. The program begins with the May billings. For more information, call 563-7366.

Chugach Smart Power and Green Star present:

Lighting technology – now and in the future

A workshop focusing on commercial lighting



Tuesday, April 28
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Ct.
(BP Campus, off Seward Highway between
Northern Lights Boulevard and 36th Avenue)

Presenter: Jeff Robbins, Lighting specialist with Seattle Lighting Design Lab, an organization that researches and tests every facet of lighting

Fee: \$40 (includes lunch)
Limited to 40 attendees.

RSVP to Green Star at lilly@greenstarinc.org
or call 278-7859

Fuel adjustment decreases

Bill changes to clearly delineate costs

Chugach filed a request with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to change its fuel surcharge for the second quarter of 2009. If approved, the change will mean about a 5 percent decrease on the bill of a residential customer using 700 kilowatt-hours of service a month. The bill would decrease from \$122.20 in March to \$116.03 in April.

In addition, Chugach members will see a slightly different bill starting with the April billings. The fuel adjustment component will be broken into two categories – fuel and purchased power. The two categories will more clearly delineate the different costs between fuel and purchased energy that includes hydro, economy energy and emergency purchases.

Chugach and Redoubt Volcano

Redoubt Volcano has been active during the past month, and it appears eruptions could continue.

Chugach has continued to monitor the winds and projected ash fallout paths after each eruption. The utility's main power plant at Beluga is where most of the concern lies as it generates about 90 percent of Chugach's power. The larger gas turbines at Beluga have pulse cleaning systems on their air inlet filters which have allowed continuous turbine operation during moderate ash fallout. Beluga personnel have added additional filter wraps to the outside of these filters for extra protection. Should a heavy ash fallout event occur, the plant may have to reduce loads due to high differential inlet air pressures. In the extreme case, generation may have to be shifted to other locations and Beluga units temporarily taken offline until ash fallout diminishes.

Chugach does have other geographically dispersed generation to supply energy, and could purchase from other utilities. If it becomes necessary to ask members to cut back on their electric usage, they can help by lowering thermostats, shutting off electronics and lights that are not necessary and deferring discretionary actions.

Members should be prepared and can find information for a volcano eruption emergency at www.ak-prepared.com, or you can call your local emergency management office.

Call before you dig

Before you start to build that deck or put in that fence, remember that one phone call to 811 can quickly and easily begin the process of getting underground utility lines marked. Callers to the 811 number will be routed to their local one call center that will arrange to mark all underground utility lines.



Locates are generally free of charge, but damages can be expensive, time-consuming and inconvenient for the neighborhood.

Remember, state law says you must hand dig within 2 feet of the location of buried electric lines.

Chugach 2008 annual report available

Chugach's 2008 annual report is available on the utility's Web site at www.chugachelectric.com.

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 700 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.06848 x kwh =	\$47.94
Fuel \$0.07709 x kwh =	\$53.96
Purchased power \$0.00515 x kwh =	\$ 3.61
(Preliminary fuel adjustment effective 4/1/09 – 6/30/09)	
Sub-total	\$113.51
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 2.27
RCC charge \$0.000362 x kwh =	\$ 0.25
Total bill	\$116.03

Personnel policy

"It is a policy of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., to recruit, hire, train, compensate and promote persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, veterans status, age or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state, or local law." Chugach is also an affirmative action employer."

Corporate Mission: Through superior service, safely provide reliable and competitively priced energy.

Corporate vision: Powering Alaska's future

