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Your Electric Bill

What Chugach cannot control ...

Gas costs are going up !

What Chugach can control ...

Operating expenses !

Future Capital construction costs !

What you can control ...

Energy Conservation !

In previous editions of the Outlet, we have explained about the rising cost of fuel and how that affects your bill. Chugach is doing whatever it can to help offset the rising cost of fuel. Although the operating costs portion of Chugach is small by comparison, they are important and we are doing our part to contain these costs. For example, there is a hiring and unnecessary travel freeze. In addition, the 2005 budget was reduced by \$1.5 million. We hope to reduce costs further in 2006.

We have embarked on several benchmarking programs to identify cost savings. The results of these benchmarking efforts will be used to implement best practices which will produce cost savings and increase efficiencies.

Energy Saving Tips

- \$** Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents. They use a third of the electricity and last up to 10 times longer.
- \$** Turn off lights when not in use
- \$** For outside lights, install a photo-electric cell or motion sensor that will turn lights on and off automatically.
- \$** Set thermostat at 68 F – set back thermostat at 60 F at night and when no one is home.
- \$** Set hot water heater temperature to 125 F.
- \$** Adjust refrigerator settings to 37 F to 40 F and freezer settings to 0 F to 5 F.
- \$** Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- \$** Keep damper closed on fireplace when not in use to prevent heat loss up the chimney.
- \$** Plug home electronics such as televisions, DVD players and other devices into power strips and then turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- \$** Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.

For more energy saving tips, visit us at WWW.chugachelectric.com/energy.html. Also watch for more energy saving tips in

"The Outlet"

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Main number	563-7494
Toll free	(800) 478-7494
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Customer service fax	762-4678
Business and commercial	762-7876
Credit	563-5060
Power theft hotline	762-4731
Danger tree hotline	762-7227
Regulatory Commission of Alaska (800) 390-2782	or 276-6222
To report a power outage	
In Anchorage	762-7888
Outside Anchorage	(800) 478-7494

Residential service costs (based on 700 kWh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.42
Energy charge/\$0.09282 x kWh =	\$64.97
Fuel adjustment/\$0.03082 x kWh =	<u>\$21.57</u>
Sub-total	\$94.96
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 1.90
RCC charge \$0.000433 x kWh =	<u>\$ 0.30</u>
Total bill	\$97.16

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

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