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Chairman's Message

Our Annual meeting was held on April 28th and three new directors were elected to the Board of our Cooperative. Mr. Alan Christopherson is a Sr. V.P. in a respected engineering firm, Mr. Uwe Kalenka is a property manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Vazquez is an attorney with the State of Alaska. Their experiences and expertise will be beneficial in providing the direction for our Association. At the organizational meeting, David Cottrell was elected Secretary, Elizabeth Vazquez was elected Treasurer, Alan Christopherson was elected Vice Chairman and I was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors and Joe Griffith announced that Mr. Griffith will be stepping down from his position of Chief Executive Officer of Chugach Electric Association, Inc. on September 2, 2005. After extensive deliberations and consultation with Mr. Griffith, Mr. Griffith's desire to attend to health and family matters at this time and the Board's desire to plan for the future led to this mutual decision. Mr. Griffith will remain as CEO until then and is assisting the Board in developing and implementing an appropriate transition plan.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to express its great appreciation of and highest respect for Joe Griffith for all he has done for the Association during his nearly 16 years of service.

This is an exciting period for our Coop as many important issues are in front of us. The natural gas supply, which is the fuel for the majority of our generation and our largest cost, is shrinking. This is a situation the utilities in the Railbelt have not faced before. The

population in our Coop is increasing and our generation loads are increasing. Our equipment is aging rapidly and working harder than ever before.

The new Directors are already bringing energy and enthusiasm to our Board. We have adopted Goals for all of our major committees and the Board as a whole.

I am honored to serve as the Chairman of the Board for our Association and also humbled by the tasks ahead of us. Please become involved in your Cooperative. Attend the Board meetings, read the Outlet, serve on committees and visit the website. Most importantly, vote your ballot every year! Your participation is welcomed and makes a difference.

If I can be of help and answer any questions you may have, please contact me. ☎




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Safety First

Summertime Safety Tips: Lawn & Yard

"Safety First" is 365 days a year but some types of injuries are more prevalent in the summer as we spend more time in the backyard.

- Wear protective goggles and ear protection while using outside machinery
- Keep all garden tools out of children's reach and store them with tines, blades or spikes pointing downward
- Fuel mowers outside and only when the motor is completely cool
- Start the mower outside to avoid raising carbon monoxide levels in the garage
- Store pesticides in their original containers and out of reach of children
- Keep sidewalks and pathways clear of toys and clutter
- Make sure all play areas are equipped with proper shock absorbing materials. 




Plant the right tree



Trees provide many benefits. In addition to beauty, they add shade and privacy and make our air cleaner. When planting a tree, remember to select the planting site carefully. Avoid planting trees beneath or adjacent to overhead utilities. Trees contacting overhead power lines are unsafe and can cause power outages. Locate trees away from underground utilities as well and call Alaska Digline at 278-3121 for utility locates before digging. It can be costly to remove or prune trees planted in conflict with utilities, but with a little planning

these costs can be eliminated.


You can find tips on planting your new tree properly in a safe and conflict-free location at Chugach's web site at www.chugachelectric.com.

Chugach has a certified arborist on staff who can help you determine the type of plants and trees that are recommended for planting near utility rights of way. Call 762-7660 to contact him or to obtain a list of recommended trees and shrubs. 

Fire Island Wind Project

At the recent Denali Commission meeting in Kodiak, the Commission voted to fund \$471,000 for Chugach Electric's Fire Island wind project. This is in addition to the \$750,000 funded in 2004 for a feasibility study. The recent funding will provide for three milestones: complete all field work needed to prepare the Environmental Assessment, develop construction ready specifications, and complete the Environmental Assessment.

Sen. Ted Stevens has been instrumental in funding the Denali Commission and the entire Congressional delegation has been supportive of directing funds to energy projects and other infrastructure projects throughout Alaska.

The final go-ahead for construction is dependent on the outcome of several major issues such as, additional grant funding, Cook Inlet natural gas supply, a North Slope gas pipeline as well as other resource evaluations currently underway. Chugach Electric is working with its Memorandum of Understanding partners, Golden Valley Electric, Anchorage ML&P and Homer Electric to study the feasibility, environmental assessment and economics of a Fire Island wind project. Chugach remains committed to renewable power and diversification but every project has to stand on its own economic merit. 

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Board activity

April and May meetings 2005

- Passed a resolution updating the approved check signers and slate of officers based on actions taken at the 2005 annual meeting
- Approved directors' expenses

If you would like to review Board of Director meeting minutes or contact Board members, visit Chugach's web site at www.chugachelectric.com.

Corporate Mission

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

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