

Annual meeting changes

Electronic voting will be an option in 2011

Changes are coming to Chugach's annual membership meeting and election. Due to a bylaw change by members in 2010, this year the meeting and election will be held a month later. The meeting will be on Thursday, May 26. Members will also see a new venue for the meeting – the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, located at 600 W. 7th Avenue.

Another change this year is the offer of electronic voting for members who would like to vote via the Internet. Paper ballots cast by mail and voting in person at the annual meeting will continue to be available to members.

Electronic voting is a first for

Chugach and its members and is an effort to make voting easier and more convenient. Information on how to vote electronically will be provided in the 2011 candidate brochure. An additional benefit to electronic voting is decreasing the use of paper and ultimately saving members money.

Chugach members who decide to vote electronically will use their member numbers as an identifier. It will be provided on election packets. A voting password will be randomly generated by a computer and mailed separately in advance. Election packets will be mailed the last week in April.

Members who wish to vote electronically will be directed to a voting website. The website will contain all of the Chugach election information, including the candidate brochure with statements and director attendance and voting records. {45760}

With electronic voting in mind, Chugach is working to gather e-mail addresses from its members. A quick click on Chugach's web page at www.chugachelectric.com will take members to the page where the member can update information. Member e-mail addresses will not be sold or used for purposes other than Chugach business.

SPP moves forward

The Southcentral Power Project remains on schedule and on budget. As of mid-February, the project had no lost time accidents and was awaiting the issuance of the first of several building permits from the Municipality of Anchorage.

SPP is a joint project to construct an efficient, new power plant at Chugach's headquarters

complex. The \$369 million cost and 183-megawatt output of the plant will be shared 70/30 between Chugach and Municipal Light & Power.

The project, which has been in the planning and design stages for the past few years, is now moving into its 2-year construction phase. An EPC (engineer, procure, construct) contractor is

in charge of getting the project built, with oversight by Chugach on behalf of the owners. A contract for work on the plant foundations ("anchor bolts down") is expected to be awarded in March.

As of mid-February, several key activities were underway. The three General Electric LM6000 combustion turbine-generators plus a spare turbine were expected to arrive on-site by May. The Mitsubishi steam turbine-generator was undergoing quality assurance inspections and final piping design. Inspections were being conducted and instrumentation and piping details being determined for the steam generators which will convert the hot exhaust of the gas turbines into usable steam.

A team effort resulted in savings

AEA hosts Watana meetings

The Alaska Energy Authority scheduled a series of public meetings to discuss a proposal to build a new regional hydroelectric project. AEA is discussing its recommendation that the Watana site on the Susitna River should be the primary hydro project for the Railbelt.

In its meeting announcement, AEA Executive Director Sara Fisher-Goad noted, "Alaska's goal of producing 50 percent of our power from renewable resources by 2025 can only be met by building a large hydroelectric project on the Railbelt."

The schedule called for presentations in Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Palmer, Anchorage and Kenai between Feb. 24 and March 15.

For more information, go to <http://www.aidea.org/aea/index.html>.

ARCTEC proposed capital projects

ARCTEC, the newly formed Railbelt generation and transmission cooperative, proposed a list of capital projects to the legislators to improve the regional grid. ARCTEC (the Alaska Railbelt Cooperative Transmission and Electric Company) was created by five Railbelt electric utilities (including Chugach) to speak with a unified voice on regional G&T issues.

The \$76.5 million list of projects includes the following:

- Battle Creek diversion into Bradley Lake: \$20 million
- Seward power plant



Artist's rendering of SPP

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- integration: \$4 million
- Quartz Creek-to-Soldotna 115kv transmission maintenance and repair: \$10 million
 - Anchorage-to-Quartz Creek 115kv transmission line maintenance and repair: \$25 million
 - Teeland-to-Healy substations static VAR compensators (SVC) controls replacement and repair: \$5 million
 - Soldotna-to-Quartz Creek 69-to-115kv conversion study, preliminary design and initial permitting: \$5 million
 - Dave's Creek to Seward transmission line completion: \$1.5 million
 - Substation ring busses, Girdwood and Sterling: \$4 million
 - Cook Inlet Gas Gathering System (CIGGS) remodel for two-way flow: \$2 million

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on shipping costs. Chugach worked with its transportation contractor and the manufacturer of the large steam generators to negotiate transportation by sea for the modules coming from East and West Coast fabrication sites. The action will save more than \$1 million compared to a land route.

SPP will have three natural gas-fired turbine-generators and one steam turbine-generator. The units will operate in combined-cycle mode, mean-

ing the hot exhaust from the gas turbines will be captured and used to make steam for the steam turbine. The plant will use only about three-fourths of the natural gas needed to make a kilowatt-hour compared to the best units on the Chugach system today, leading to millions of dollars in fuel savings annually once the plant is started up in 2012 and fully-operational in 2013. Using less gas will also reduce the demand on the natural gas delivery system during times of peak usage.

Fuel adjustment increase

Chugach filed a request with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to increase its fuel and purchased power rates for the second quarter of 2011. If approved, the total monthly bill for a Chugach residential customer using 700

kilowatt-hours of electricity will increase about 5 percent, from \$91.13 to \$95.92, excluding the 2 percent Municipality of Anchorage underground charge. Commercial customers will see similar increases.

Election and annual meeting notes

Four directors will be elected to the Chugach board in the upcoming 2011 election, three for 3-year terms and one to a 1-year term. In addition, there may also be proposed bylaw changes on the ballot.

Members interested in running for the board may submit petition applications through Friday, March 25. Forms can be found on Chugach's website at www.chugachelectric.com. March 4 was the deadline to submit an application to meet with the Nominating Committee.

April 13 is the anticipated record date for this year's election. The record date establishes the

members eligible to vote. Non-natural members may check the designated voter for their ballot envelope by calling Member Services at 563-7366.

Mail-voting packets will be mailed to Chugach members of record the week of April 25. The packets will also include instructions on electronic voting.

The annual meeting and election will be held at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center Thursday, May 26. Registration will start at 6 p.m. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 762-4736.



Members registered at Chugach's 2010 annual meeting

Work safely around electrical facilities

Know the rules of working safely around electrical facilities. If you're not sure, call Chugach at 762-4545. Ask for a free briefing on electrical safety before starting projects.

And if you're going to be digging, don't forget to call 811 to get underground utility lines marked.

Callers will be routed to their local one call center who will arrange to mark all underground utility lines for free. Remember to call two business days prior to digging.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Member number hide-n-seek Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.

Contact us

Main number	563-7494
Toll free	(800) 478-7494
Member Services	563-7366
Member Services fax	762-4678
24-hour payment line	762-7803
Credit	563-5060
Power theft hotline	762-4731
Danger tree hotline	762-7227
Street light hotline	762-7676
Underground locates	278-3121
Regulatory Commission of AK	(800) 390-2782
or	276-6222
To report a power outage	
In Anchorage	762-7888
Outside Anchorage	(800) 478-7494

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 700 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.070630 x kwh =	\$49.44
Fuel \$0.042410 x kwh =	\$29.69
Purchased power \$0.005160 x kwh =	\$3.61
<small>(Fuel & purchased power adjustments effective 1/1/11 - 3/31/11)</small>	
Subtotal	\$ 90.74
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 1.81
RCC \$0.000552 x kwh =	\$ 0.39
Total bill	\$92.94