

## Chugach members elect directors

Rebecca Logan, Janet Reiser and Elizabeth Vazquez were elected to 3-year terms on the Chugach Board of Directors. Election results were announced at the annual meeting April 24. About 24 percent of the 65,146 Chugach members of record voted in the election, up from 23 percent in 2006.

Logan is president and chief executive officer of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Alaska Chapter.

Reiser is an engineer and the chief executive officer of Salus Management Services.

Vazquez is an attorney with the State of Alaska.

As a cooperative, Chugach is governed by a 7-member board elected by and from its membership. Directors are elected to 3-year, staggered terms.

A total of 301 Chugach members registered for the annual meeting at the Egan Civic & Convention Center. An estimated 400 people attended the meeting.

### Board elects new officers

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers to serve for the next year. The following officers were elected:

*Rebecca Logan, Chairman*

*Jim Nordlund, Vice-Chair*

*Alex Gimarc, Secretary*

*P. J. Hill, Treasurer*



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### Election summary

Members of record for the 2008 election	65,146
Returned mail ballot envelopes	15,564
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	15,321
Members that registered at the annual meeting	301
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	105
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	103
Total ballots cast in the 2008 election	15,424
Percentage of members of record that voted	23.7%

### Director election

(three seats on the board to be filled by the three candidates receiving the most votes)

Janet Reiser	7,972
Elizabeth "Liz" Vazquez	7,943
Rebecca Logan	7,621
Uwe Kalenka	7,444
Mark Wiggin	7,365
Anthony "Tony" Izzo	6,985

## Right tree, right place

Trees and shrubs can provide energy savings as well as enhance the beauty and value of your home. Planting evergreens can create a winter windbreak for your home, and planting trees which lose their leaves in the fall can provide shade in the summer while allowing the sun to shine through on short Alaskan winter days.

If you are thinking of planting, choose the appropriate tree or shrub to minimize conflicts between trees and utility lines. Planting in utility easements can make it difficult for Chugach or other utilities to gain access to maintain their facilities. The result could mean your landscaping might need to be moved or trimmed.

Chugach is certified by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Line USA utility, and has a certified arborist on staff to help customers determine what type of plants and trees should be planted near utility rights of way. Call Chugach at 762-7660, or log on to our web site at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) for more information.



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## The Chugach board



Rebecca Logan  
Chairman

Jim Nordlund  
Vice Chairman

Alex Gimarc  
Secretary

P. J. Hill  
Treasurer



Jeff Lipscomb  
Director



Janet Reiser  
Director



Elizabeth Vazquez  
Director

# RCA approves Chugach request to lower retail rates

Chugach retail members will be seeing lower rates by June. The changes are the result of an effort by Chugach to adjust rates so that different utility activities fairly recover their costs.

On April 2 the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ordered the new rates go into effect June 1, bringing to a conclusion a rate case Chugach filed in September 2006. Chugach asked the RCA to approve a series of changes that included lowering retail rates. Overall, under the new rates approved by the RCA, retail customers will be paying about \$4 million a year less than they are under current rates.

In general, the new rates will result in lower bills for Chugach retail customers. The amount of the reduction will vary by customer class and usage, and could range from about 2 to 3.5 percent for a given customer. The monthly bill for the average Chugach residential customer using 700 kilowatt-hours of service would go down by about 3 percent, or about \$3 at current rates.

Here is a short summary of some of the changes.

- **Reduced Energy Charges:** The charge for a kilowatt-hour would go down for all retail customer classes.
- **Simplified Customer Charges:** Monthly customer charges would be rounded down to even amounts.
- **Fuel Costs in a Single Charge:** The new rate removes the small contribution to fuel currently in the energy charge and adds it to the fuel charge to give a more accurate picture of the total cost of fuel on electric bills.
- **Reduced Demand Charge:** The charge assessed to large retail general service customers for the maximum amount of power they draw or "demand" from the system will go down for all large retail general service customers from 4 to 5 percent.
- **Street and Yard Lights:** Charges will more accurately reflect fuel cost changes. Switching from a flat fee that has not been adjusted since November 2003, to rates that include a per-

## Your board at work

Your board is charged with the management of the business and the affairs of the Association. Recently the board:



Rebecca Logan  
Chairman

- Authorized \$2.8 million for major overhaul of Beluga Unit No. 8. The project is estimated to be completed in September 2008.
- Approved a Code of Ethics for directors and employees
- Approved Board Policy 129, Employee Complaint and Anti-retaliation policy (whistleblower policy)

kilowatt-hour fuel charge based on the hours of darkness each month, will provide a more equitable cost recovery for this service. Depending on the type of lighting service provided, the increases range from 0.1 to 12.7 percent.

The goal of the rate case was to fairly recover the costs of key business activities. Chugach performs two primary functions: it generates and transmits (G&T) power for utilities (including for its own retail customer base) and it distributes (Distribution) power to approximately 80,000 metered retail locations. In its filing, Chugach contended that the G&T rates did not properly recover the costs associated with that part of the business, while distribution customers were paying more than was fair.



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### Monthly residential service costs (based on 700 kwh)

<b>Customer charge/month</b>	<b>\$ 8.42</b>
<b>Energy charge \$0.09282 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$64.97</b>
<b>Fuel adjustment \$0.03112 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$21.78</b>
Fuel adjustment effective 4/1/08 -- 06/30/08	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$95.17</b>
<b>2% MOA Underground Charge =</b>	<b>\$ 1.90</b>
<b>RCC charge \$0.000274 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$ 0.19</b>
<b>Total bill</b>	<b>\$97.26</b>

### 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.



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