

# OUTLET

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## Assembly approves ML&P sale to Chugach for April ballot

Anchorage voters will decide whether the city should move forward on the sale of Municipal Light & Power to Chugach Electric Association. On January 23, the Anchorage Assembly voted to put the measure on the April 2018 municipal ballot. Mayor Ethan Berkowitz and leaders of Chugach and ML&P announced in December that the city was moving forward with the idea of creating one Anchorage electric utility.

The announcement came after the Assembly in June unanimously passed a resolution asking the two utilities to explore unification opportunities. Chugach has pledged to protect employees at both utilities, with no layoffs resulting from the sale. The deal also includes no rate increases as a result of the sale, and Chugach officials say hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved over several decades.

The idea of combining the two utilities has been

discussed in Anchorage for decades. The vote by the Assembly to put the sale on the April ballot authorizes the city to sell the utility, but does not mandate a sale.

Following an affirmative vote, the city and Chugach would work toward a final sales agreement that would need approval by the Chugach Board of Directors, the Anchorage Assembly and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. If you are a member of a community group that would like a presentation about the sale, please contact Julie Hasquet at 762-4489 or [julie\\_hasquet@chugachelectric.com](mailto:julie_hasquet@chugachelectric.com).

Anchorage's 2018 municipal election will be the first-ever vote by mail city election. The city will start mailing ballots out on March 13. For more information, go to <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>



## Community solar update



We are excited to report that through an employee naming contest, "Electron Village" was the name chosen for Chugach Electric's community solar project.

In response to December's RFP, seeking a qualified firm to design and build Electron

Village, Chugach received five strong proposals. Chugach is currently reviewing the proposals to select a winner in February. The project remains on schedule to start selling shares in March 2018!

To learn more about Electron Village visit <https://www.chugachelectric.com/energy-solutions/community-solar-project-electron-village>. You may also sign up to be notified of project updates, including an early announcement when shares go on sale.

## Board fills vacancy

Anchorage resident Rachel Morse has been appointed to the Chugach Board of Directors. Morse is a long-time Chugach member and served on the Nominating Committee for Chugach elections for the past three years. Morse was appointed at the Dec. 26 meeting. She is replacing Janet Reiser who resigned from the board after 10 years of service to take the job of Executive Director of the Alaska Energy Authority.



Rachel Morse

Most recently, Morse was Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). She has also served as Development Director for the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., and Executive Director at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center. Morse has a Master of Business Administration from UAA. In accordance with the Chugach bylaws, Morse will fill the vacancy left by Reiser until the 2018 annual election. At that time, two directors will be elected to four-year terms.

## Annual Meeting and election notes

The 2018 Chugach Annual Meeting and Election is scheduled for May 22, 2018 at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. Plans are already underway for the meeting. Entertainment was provided at last year's meeting and we are pleased to announce that Hobo Jim will be returning this year as well as the education and informational booths on such topics as job training, emergency preparedness, and energy efficiency.

### Two board seats open

Two directors will be elected to the Chugach Board in the upcoming 2018 election. {1212658}

Members who are interested in being considered by the

Nominating Committee, or running by petition, should call 907-762-4791 to obtain a candidate packet. Candidate applications and resumes for the Nominating Committee's review must be received by **5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018**. Petition applications must be received by **5 p.m. Friday, Mar. 9, 2018**.

Candidate packets should be submitted to:

**Tom Schulman**  
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More information and forms may be found at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) or by calling 907-762-4177.

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## Steller tours SPP

In December, Chugach hosted a group of students from Steller Secondary School for a tour of the Southcentral Power Project (SPP). Opened in 2013, SPP is a natural gas-fired combined cycle generation plant owned by Chugach and Municipal Light & Power. The students were able to tour inside of the plant and asked great questions about one of the most efficient power plants in Alaska.



## Rate Changes

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska approved Chugach's Simplified Rate Filing based on the September 30, 2017 test year. As a result of the approval, retail demand and energy rates will increase by 0.4 percent for rates effective February 1, 2018. Because the rate change is only applied

to demand and energy components, the impact on a total customer bill is less. For a residential customer using 600 kWh, the monthly bill will increase from \$119.75 to \$120.04, or about 0.2 percent.

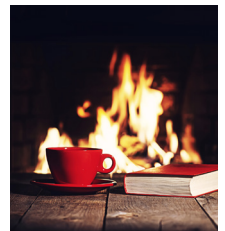


Did you know that Chugach members have the option to be notified via email or text message when there is an outage in their area? Sign up today in My Account.

To receive outage notifications:

- 1) Sign into My Account at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com).
- 2) Under the person icon in the top right hand corner, select "Communication Settings."
- 3) Under "+Add Notification" select "Outage" and enter your desired contact method and information.

A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.



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