

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**March 3, 2010**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Members in Attendance: Janet Reiser, Chair  
Alex Gimarc  
Jim Nordlund  
Rebecca Logan  
Elizabeth Vazquez

Other Directors in Attendance: Pat Kennedy

Guest in Attendance: Pat Ginsburg  
Jim Posey, ML&P

Staff in Attendance:

Bradley Evans	Dustin Highers	Paul Risse
Tyler Andrews	Ed Jenkin	Tom Schulman
Bill Bernier	Mark Johnson	Dave Smith
Mike Cunningham	Dan Knecht	Lee Thibert
Rick Freymiller	Sherri McKay-Highers	Ron Vroman
Melody Gibson	Connie Owens	Burke Wick
Carol Heyman	Nancy Rivas	

DeAnna Scott, Executive Assistant, recorded the meeting proceedings.

**I. Convene Meeting**

Chair Reiser called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:07 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*a. Safety Minute*

Dave Smith, Sr. V.P. President, Administration played a video clip on First Aid and distributed first aid kits to the Committee.

**II. Executive Session** (*none*)

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Director Logan moved and Director Gimarc seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a. February 9, 2010 (Neas-Arnold)*

Director Logan moved and Director Nordlund seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Customer Comments**

- a. Wholesale Customer Comments*  
None.
- b. Member Comments*  
None.

#### **VI. Presentation on Smart Power and Watt Buster Programs**

Dave Smith, Sr. V.P., Administration and Nancy Rivas, Customer Service Representative III, gave a presentation on the Smart Power and Watt Buster Programs and answered questions from the Committee.

*Director Vazquez left the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and returned at 5:20 p.m.*

#### **VII. UPDATE ON SOUTHCENTRAL POWER PROJECT**

Dustin Highers, Director Power Supply, Technical Services gave an update on the Southcentral Power Project and answered questions from the Committee.

*Director Kennedy left the meeting at 5:46 p.m. and returned at 5:51 p.m.*

#### **VIII. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Contract Status Report and Update on 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Audit**

Dave Smith, Sr. V.P., Administration and Dan Knecht, Director, Administration presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Contract Status Report and Update on 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Audit and answered questions from the Committee.

#### **IX. Correspondence**

None.

#### **X. Executive Session**

- a. Fire Island Project Presentation*
- b. Stetson Creek Update*
- c. Legislative Update*
- d. Human Resources Strategic Plan*
- e. Gas Negotiations*
- f. SPP Zoning*

At 6:21 p.m., Director Nordlund moved and Director Kennedy seconded that motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175 (c) (1) the Operations Committee go into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative as it relates to various matters regarding an update on the Fire Island Project, the Stetson Creek matter, the Association's 2010 Legislative Agenda, the Human Resources Division Strategic Plan, Gas Negotiations and Southcentral Power Plant Zoning matters.

The matters to be discussed include:

- a. Fire Island Project Presentation
- b. Stetson Creek Update
- c. Legislative Update
- d. Human Resources Strategic Plan
- e. Gas Negotiations
- f. SPP Zoning

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee recessed at 6:22 p.m. and went into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

*Director Vazquez's time was not recorded when she departed the meeting during Executive Session but she returned to the meeting during Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.*

*Director Kennedy departed during Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.*

## **XI. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**Director Logan:** "No comment."

**Director Vazquez:** "Well, I am glad to hear about the progress Chugach has made with regard to conservation and for the record, when I was Chair that conservation effort was started, in fact, I was so adamant about it that I had to put on the agenda each month and each month I had folks come and give us a report. And, even though management was not totally crazy and totally positive about the program, I'm glad to see the present management does appreciate the program and is doing a lot more than the previous management. So, just want to put that for the record. While I was Chair, we also approached Sean Skaling and we became utility partner with Green Star and so, I always thought, actions speak louder than words and I thought it was about time this organization got with it, so, I just want to put that on the record."

**Director Gimarc:** "I was very happy to see the detailed progress on the energy efficiency conservation being the smart energy program. Utility lead by former Chair Vazquez put this program into effect three years ago when we dealt with 3% energy saving on retail side between 2006 to 2009. I want to emphasize this is something we've done voluntarily with our membership; it has not been directed by any government agency or legislative mandate. Good show to all involved."

**Director Nordlund:** "I guess I would like to say as well I appreciate the Smart Power Program and everyone is doing a good job."

**Chair Reiser:** “My comments are that I am really, extremely pleased that we are taking safety very, very seriously at Chugach, we’ve made a tremendous amount of progress. I am also very gratified for lots of reasons financial, personal, and professional that we are also imposing or demanding that our contractors we use take safety seriously as well. So, thank you for all that. I think it’s really important.”

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Logan moved and Director Nordlund seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Alex Gimarc, Secretary  
Date Approved: April 14, 2010

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