



## **Alaska Power Association membership overview for Chugach Electric Association**

Chugach Electric Association Board of Directors meeting  
Wednesday, May 3, 2006

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Alaska Power Association is the 55-year-old trade association that represents the state's electric utility industry. Chugach Electric Association was a founding member of the organization. APA is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from the 27 Active Member electric utilities. Mr. David Cottrell is Chugach's Director representative on the APA Board of Directors.

Active Member utilities are defined by APA as rural electric corporations, regional electric authorities, or joint action agencies organized under the laws of the State of Alaska with annual sales of at least 800 mwh.

APA has 14 Contributing Members that represent utilities or utility organizations not eligible for Active Membership but with a substantial interest in the Association (i.e., small electric utilities, investor-owned electric utilities, and telephone cooperatives). There are also 40 Associate Members, which are businesses that provide products and services to the electric industry.

Chugach Electric Association is the largest member of Alaska Power Association. Its annual membership dues for 2006 are \$85,659, which equals \$83,183 for dues plus a surcharge of \$2,477. (The surcharge was started two years ago for the purpose of building a cash reserve for the trade association.) On Dec. 8, 2005, Chugach provided APA a notice of intent to withdraw its membership effective June 8, 2006. Alaska Power Association invoiced Chugach for approximately 41 percent of its 2006 membership dues -- \$35,417, which equals \$34,393 in dues plus a surcharge of \$1,024.

Alaska Power Association highly values Chugach's membership in the organization and has made substantial progress over the last six months in the areas noted by Chugach as primary reasons for the termination of its membership. This progress will be addressed in a verbal presentation to the Chugach Electric Association Board of Directors by Mr. Craig McCollom, APA Interim Executive Director.

APA currently provides an array of services to Chugach Electric Association in the areas of government relations, safety and training. They are listed on the following page:

## INDUSTRY FORUM

- Alaska Power Association provides a forum for information and resource sharing amongst members of the electric utility industry.
- Chugach Electric is represented on the following committees: APA Executive Committee, Managers Forum, ACRE CARE political action Committee, Communications Committee, Environmental Regulations Committee, Resolutions/Governmental Affairs Steering Committee, Safety Regulations Committee, Safety & Training Committee, and the APA/AIM Audit Committee.

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- APA stays in close communication with Chugach executive and government relations staff to ensure that it stays abreast of the legislative viewpoints and issues of its largest member, and that it does not advocate in opposition of such positions.
- Chugach Directors and staff have participated in several meetings of the APA Resolutions/Governmental Affairs Steering Committee.
- APA advocates for issues that directly and sometimes indirectly have an impact on Chugach operations.
- Chugach staff receives frequent updates on the status of important state and federal legislation.

## SAFETY

- Chugach Electric Association is NRECA Safety Accredited. It is up for renewal in June 2007 and is working diligently to achieve re-accreditation. APA provides support and resources for Chugach to use for maintaining its Accredited status.
- A member of Chugach's safety department is serving as a Team Leader for NRECA Safety Accreditation inspection teams around the state.
- Two Chugach staff members are involved in the Safety & Training Committee and the Safety Regulations Committee.

## TRAINING

APA offers several training opportunities for electric utility directors and employees.

- Lee Thibert is President of the ARECA Training Council.
- Training in 2006 includes:
  - Director training NRECA 925.1 *Co-op Bylaws* at APA Annual Meeting 2006
  - APA Annual Meeting (August 22-25, 2006)
  - APA Accounting & Finance Workshop (October 2006)
  - APA also partners with NWPPA to host workshops for association members.

## OTHER

- The APA Annual Meeting is being held in Girdwood, Alaska--part of Chugach's service territory.
- Chugach Electric is hosting the meeting in partnership with Anchorage-based APA member electric utilities, Anchorage Municipal Light & Power and Alaska Village Electric Cooperative.
- A Chugach staff member serves on the APA Annual Meeting Planning Committee along with representatives from APA, ML&P and AVEC.