

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

August 22, 2007

ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM NO. V.

 Information Only
 X Motion
 Resolution
 Executive Session
 Other

TOPIC

Green Star – Anchorage Lighting Energy Efficiency Pledge (LEEP) Program Energy Effort

DISCUSSION

On October 3, 2007, Green Star will kick-off in Anchorage, a local 18-month-long energy efficiency initiative, “Change a Light, Change the World Day,” with many partnering organizations and businesses. The initiative, called Anchorage Lighting Energy Efficiency Pledge, or LEEP, will focus on the most cost effective and easiest way to achieve energy efficiency gains: business lighting.

This attached resolution reflects the Board of Director’s desire to have Chugach Electric Association (Chugach) participates in this initiative and become an official Utility Partner in the Lighting Energy Efficiency Pledge program. As an official Utility Partner, Chugach will work to help promote the program to its members, and share usage data with Green Star staff to track the impact of the program. The resolution also authorizes the donation of \$5,000 to Green Star.

MOTION

Move that the Operations Committee recommend to the Chugach Board of Directors approval of the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF GREEN STAR'S LIGHTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLEDGE PROGRAM (LEEP)

WHEREAS, energy efficiency measures make sense from a wide variety of angles, including:

1. To fulfill customer interest and needs,
2. To help manage and to reduce energy demand,
3. To reduce carbon emissions,
4. To be a responsive and proactive electric utility; and,

Anchorage has had historically low costs for energy until recent years and these low costs have not previously created a strong incentive to reduce energy usage. However, natural gas costs, and therefore the cost of power, have escalated significantly in recent years, thereby creating significant financial incentives to invest in more energy efficient technologies, such as lighting; and,

WHEREAS, there is a current lack of education, programs and marketing to encourage these changes locally; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 70 percent of Anchorage area businesses utilize a preponderance of outdated, inefficient lighting; and,

WHEREAS, retrofitting lighting to today's more advanced and efficient technologies can typically save a business between 25 and 50 percent of their lighting bill; and,

WHEREAS, the initial investment to conduct these retrofits are relatively small and payback periods for these retrofits are typically over three to five years; and,

WHEREAS, a local 18-month-long energy efficiency initiative with many partnering organizations and businesses will kick-off in Anchorage on October 3, 2007, on national "Change a Light, Change the World Day;" and the initiative, called Anchorage Lighting Energy Efficiency Pledge, or LEEP, will focus on the most cost effective and easiest way to achieve energy efficiency gains: business lighting;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chugach Electric Association will become an official Utility Partner in the Lighting Energy Efficiency Pledge program, and will work to help promote the program to its members, and share usage data with Green Star staff to track the impact of the program, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chugach Electric Association will become a sponsor of LEEP at the \$5,000 level to help promote the program and to help pay for the services Green Star is providing to our members to help achieve the greatest energy efficiency success possible, and;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chugach Electric staff shall participate in the kick-off event on October 3, 2007 by hosting a free table at the energy efficiency vendor fair that afternoon, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chugach Electric Association will itself “take the LEEP” by pledging to improve the efficiency of its lighting at the properties it owns or manages, therefore leading by example and reducing the Association’s own power usage and costs.

I, Alex Gimarc, do hereby certify that I am Secretary of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., an electric non-profit cooperative membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska: that the foregoing is a complete and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation, duly and properly called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2007; that a quorum was present at the meeting; that the resolution is set forth in the minutes of the meeting and has not been rescinded or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of this corporation the ____ day of _____, 2007.

Secretary