

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

**BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

September 6, 2006

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. X.**

Information Only  
 Motion  
 Resolution  
 Executive Session  
 Other

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**TOPIC**

2006 NRECA Resolutions

**DISCUSSION**

Attached is a report of the NRECA Issues Committee which contains the resolutions that will be discussed at the NRECA Regional meetings (Region IX September 20-22 in Fairbanks) and voted on at the NRECA Annual Meeting next March. Also attached is staff's report and recommendations on the resolutions to be considered. Committee recommendation will enable Chugach's delegate to the Region IX meeting to vote in an informed manner.

## **Suggested Chugach positions on proposed NRECA Resolutions**

### **Proposed Resolution #1 – Cooperative Support for Renewable Energy**

Suggested position: Support

### **Proposed Resolution #2 – Cooperative Efforts to Address Energy Conservation and Efficiency**

Suggested position: Support

### **Proposed Resolution #3 – RUS Engineering and Technical Standards**

Discussion: Since Chugach is no longer an RUS borrower, we are no longer required to use RUS standards. However we have chosen to keep them as our minimum engineering requirements for distribution, and use NESC as our guideline for transmission construction. We have gone beyond RUS standards for distribution in urban settings, particularly when undergrounding.

Suggested position: Abstain

### **Proposed Resolution #4 – Manufactured Housing**

Suggested position: Support

### **Proposed Resolution #5 – National Transmission Grid**

Discussion: We have some concerns about the ability of local utilities being able to afford to implement a program to “Expand access to the grid by eliminating constraints and congestion of the existing grid.” It is also not clear that this resolution would mean anything for Alaska given our geographic separation from the Lower 48 grid. It is also not clear who would own the transmission grid or how it would be paid for, controlled or managed. As a concept the nation – including Alaska – would benefit from a robust transmission grid allowing power to flow from economical generation to customers. Ultimately it would be important to know the cost of such a plan and the impact on customers’ bills or taxes.

Suggested position: Support if questions can be favorably answered about how it would work in Alaska, otherwise abstain.

### **Proposed Resolution #6 – Mandatory Electric Reliability Standards**

Suggested position: Support