

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

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

**December 9, 2009**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. VI.**

Information Only  
 Motion  
 Resolution  
 Executive Session  
 Other

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**TOPIC**

Board Policy 119 – Contributions

**DISCUSSION**

Changes that Board counsel and staff previously proposed to BP 119 were considered at the November 11, 2009 Operations Committee meeting. The eligibility criteria proposed in the previous version did not appear to be acceptable. Board counsel and staff have therefore tried to take into account comments made by Operations Committee members at that meeting and propose different changes in the attached proposed revisions to BP 119.

The new proposed changes would still 1) rename the policy to better describe its purpose and 2) remove the cap on funds that may be included in the budget to support certain members under this policy who require assistance to pay their electric bills. However, the criteria for who can potentially receive assistance is different. The version before you now, would broaden the policy to include a third group of potential recipients. Under the previous version presented to the Operations Committee, a member who was indigent, over 65, or disabled would be potentially eligible for assistance. Under the attached proposed revisions, members who are elderly or disabled would be potentially eligible for assistance if they are indigent, but indigent members who are not over 65 or disabled would also be potentially eligible to receive assistance. In order to maximize the number of members assisted through this program, however, the Association limits individual grants to a maximum of \$500 per calendar year.

The proposal also clarifies that the program operates in conjunction with a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the Municipality of Anchorage Safety Links Program (“MOA”). The pool of eligible recipients under the MOU may be amended, and the MOA has agreed to change the MOU if the revised policy is approved by the Board. MOA screens eligible members for the Association in accordance with the MOU.

**MOTION**

Move that the Operations Committee recommend the Board of Directors to approve the revisions to Board Policy 119 – Contributions, as shown in the attached draft policy.

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BOARD POLICY: 119**

**DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ASSISTANCE TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO ARE  
INDIGENT, INDIGENT AND OVER 65, OR INDIGENT AND DISABLED**

**I. OBJECTIVE**

To establish the Association's policy on assistance to members who are indigent, indigent and over 65, or indigent and disabled.

**II. CONTENT**

The Association may include funds in its budget to assist members who are disabled or over 65 years of age and indigent, as well as members who are indigent but not disabled or over 65, who, because of various hardship situations, are unable to pay their past due electric bill.

If such funds are included in the budget, they shall be utilized in partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage, Health and Social Services Department (MOA HSS) to assist only those Association members who meet the above criteria and qualify for assistance under the MOA HSS Safety Links Program.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for administration of this policy.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Gimarc  
Secretary of the Board

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD POLICY: 119

DATE:

CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO ARE INDIGENT, INDIGENT AND OVER 65, OR INDIGENT AND DISABLED

**I. OBJECTIVE**

To establish the Association’s policy on ~~contributions assistance to members who are indigent, indigent and over 65, or indigent and disabled.~~

**II. CONTENT**

~~A. The Association may include as part of its annual funds in its budget a sum of money for contributions to assist members who are disabled or over 65 years of age and indigent, as well as members who are indigent but not disabled or over 65, who, because of various hardship situations, are unable to pay their past due electric bill, said sum not to exceed two hundredths of one percent (.0002) of the Association’s anticipated Retail, Economy Energy and Other Revenues.~~

~~If such funds are included in the budget, The Association would send the sum described in II.A. above to they shall be utilized in partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage, Health and Social Services agency Department (MOA HSS). MOA HSS would use those funds to to assist only those only the qualified Chugach Electric Association members, who meet the above criteria and qualify for assistance under the MOA HSS Safety Links Program as defined above, to pay their electric bills.~~

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for administration of this policy.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Gimarc  
Secretary of the Board