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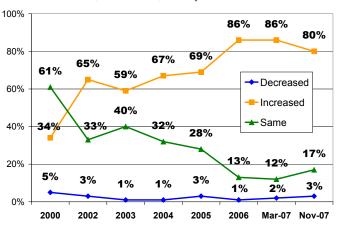
Chugach Members Aware of Higher Costs

Annual survey provides valuable feedback

A recently completed survey shows that Chugach customers have a very positive attitude about their electric cooperative. Chugach received particularly high marks in the areas of reliability, response to outages and customer service.

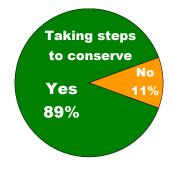
The number of Chugach customers who say they've experienced higher electric bills has decreased from the all-time high in December 2006 through March 2007, as shown on the line graph.

Q. Do you think that over the last two years your electric bill has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?



The survey indicates that members have become more energy-conscious. Nearly 90 percent of customers re-

port they are taking steps to conserve electricity, up several percentage points from the year before. Lighting is the area most often targeted to conserve energy. About 70 percent of the members surveyed reported switching to lower-wattage bulbs or turning off lights to save energy.

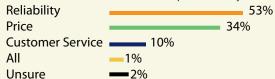


The survey also showed that when it comes to what customers value, price matters. Reliability continues to lead

the list, followed by price and customer service. While that ranking is consistent with prior rankings, members are showing an increasing sensitivity to price.

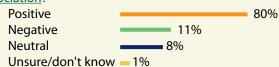
The survey of 301 residential Chugach members was fielded by Dittman Research & Communications in November 2007. For more survey results visit Chugach's Web site at http://www.chugachelectric.com/inside/opsagenda_010808.html. A few key findings are below.

Q. Price of service, reliability of the service or quality of customer service ... which is most important to you?



(Note: While this rank order has remained consistent over the years, customers are showing an increasing sensitivity to price as higher natural gas costs have led to higher monthly bills. The average unit price of natural gas paid by Chugach doubled between 2003 and the end of 2006. In the 2003 survey, 29% said price was most important.)

Q. Positive or negative opinion of <u>Chugach Electric</u> Association?



Q. How would you rate the <u>reliability</u> of Chugach service?

Q. What grade would you give Chugach in <u>restoring service</u> after a power outage occurs?



Q. Have you taken any steps to conserve or otherwise lower your use of electricity?



6%

Heating

RCA Delays Chugach Request to Lower Rates

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska has given itself more time to rule on a case brought by Chugach that would lower rates for retail customers. Chugach brought the case in September 2006, seeking to adjust rates for both the generation & transmission and distribution functions so that each fairly recovered their respective expenses. The Commission voted in December to give itself until March 31 to decide the case. The proposed rate changes are on hold pending Commission action.

2008 Meeting and Election Notes

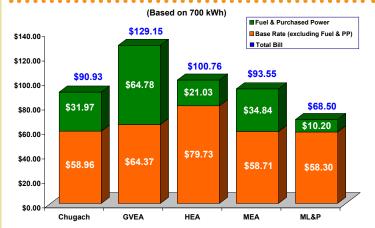
Date of meeting: April 24

Place: Egan Civic & Convention Center

Record date: March 12

Note: The record date establishes the members eligible to vote. Members may check their authorized signer for their ballot envelopes by calling Member Services at 563-7366.

Monthly Residential Service Costs



The above chart shows the current cost of 700 kWh of residential service for customers of different Railbelt utilities (excluding MOA undergrounding charge). Fuel costs (shown in green) make up a significant portion of the bill.

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Your Board at Work

Your Board is charged with the management of the business and the affairs of the Association. Recently the Board:



Board Chair

- Approved changes to Board Policy 119, Contributions, to use funds budgeted for contributions for more direct aid to indigent Chugach members who are disabled or over 65 years of age
- Amended a legal counsel contract to add to the scope of services including reviewing existing and/or proposed Chugach Board policies and making recommendations pertaining to public disclosure
- Amended the Board's communication's advisor contract scope to include

- recommendations for the Outlet and other public information documents and advice based on public opinion
- Amended a legal counsel contract to include reviewing existing and/or potential Chugach personnel issues
- Set March 12 as the record date for the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting and Election
- Appointed Jim Magowan as Master Election Judge for the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting and Election

Kalenka Earns Director Certification



Chugach Vice Chair Uwe Kalenka recently earned certification in the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program. The director certification program is run by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. NRECA is a

trade organization that represents more than 900 electric cooperatives across the country.

The program requires utility directors to complete a 5-course, 40-hour program of professional education. The training consists of courses in duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business, board roles, strategic planning and financial decision-making.

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To report a power outage	

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Corporate Mission: Through superior service, safely provide reliable and competitively priced

Corporate vision: Powering Alaska's future

Monthly residential service costs

(basea on 700 kwii)		
Customer charge/month	\$ 8.42	
Energy charge \$0.09282 x kwh =	\$64.97	
Fuel adjustment \$0.02478 x kwh =	<u>\$17.35</u>	
Fuel adjustment effective l/1/08 03/31/08		
Sub-total	\$90.74	
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 1.81	
RCC charge \$0.000274 x kwh =	\$ 0.19	
Total bill	\$92.74	

Personnel policy

"It is a policy of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., to recruit, hire, train, co promote persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, veterans status, age or any other classifica-tion protected by applicable federal, state, or local law." Chugach is also an affirmative action employer.



In Anchorage

Outside Anchorage