

Chugach members elect two directors

Sisi Cooper and Jim Nordlund were elected to 3-year terms on the Chugach board of directors. Election results were announced at the annual meeting May 17. A total of 14.9 percent of the 66,824 Chugach members of record voted in the election, up from 14.3 percent in 2011.

Electronic voting proved popular again. Of those who voted in the 2012 election, 36.5 percent used the electronic voting option. Members could also receive a \$5.00 credit on their monthly bill



Sisi Cooper



Jim Nordlund

if they voted electronically and signed up to receive election materials electronically in the future.

Cooper is a Project Engineer for Doyon Emerald LLC., and Nordlund is the State Director for USDA Rural Development and an incumbent who was elected to the board in 2006 and re-elected in 2009.

As a cooperative, Chugach is governed by a 7-member board elected by and from its membership. Directors are elected to 3-year, staggered terms.

A total of 164 Chugach members registered for the annual meeting



A total of 164 members registered at the 2012 annual meeting

at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center. An estimated 250 people attended the event.

Four proposed bylaw changes were also on the ballot. Members approved all of the changes. One changes the Member Advisory council from a standing committee to an ad hoc committee. The second bylaw proposal expands joint memberships to two people regardless of their relationship in a single household. The third

makes minor housekeeping amendments to remove redundant language, makes it consis-

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Board elects officers

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers to serve for the next year. The officers are:

Janet Reiser, Chair
Susan Reeves, Vice-Chair
Jim Henderson, Secretary
P.J. Hill, Treasurer

Take Note!

In June, Members will receive a new formatted bill statement containing a new account number. Please notify any bill pay services of the new account number.

For further information, contact Member Services at 563-7366.

SPP nears first fire date for gas turbines



The Southcentral Power Project (above left) remains on schedule and on budget, with start-up of the plant's turbines expected to begin in July. The new 183-megawatt power plant will use three gas turbine-generators and one steam turbine-generator operating in combined-cycle mode to efficiently meet the needs of customers. SPP is a joint project between Chugach (70 percent) and Municipal Light & Power (30 percent). The new plant will significantly reduce the amount of natural gas needed to make energy, saving customers of the two utilities an estimated \$20 million or more in avoided fuel purchases in its first full year of operation. SPP is due to be completed and in commercial operation by December 2012. Work on the new International Transmission Substation (above right) adjacent to SPP has largely been completed. The \$21.8 million facility will interconnect SPP to the Railbelt grid.

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tent with last year's changes to electronic voting and correctly describes access to board of directors' recordings. The fourth change will permit meeting fees for member committees.

Election summary

Members of record for the 2012 election	66,824
Returned mail ballot envelopes	6,443
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	6,262
Electronic ballots cast	3,636
Members that registered at the annual meeting	164
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	57
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	55
Total ballots cast in the 2012 election	9,954
Percentage of members of record that voted	14.9%

Director election

(Seats on the board to be filled by the two candidates receiving the most votes)

Jim Nordlund	6,421
Sisi Cooper	6,383
Steve Strait	4,421

Bylaw Amendments

1. Change Member Advisory Council to an ad hoc committee	Yes/No	7,001/2,630
2. Expanding joint memberships		7,140/2,483
3. Housekeeping amendments		8,053/1,557
4. Permitting meeting fees for member committees		4,926/4,716

Electronic annual report

The 2011 Annual Report is available at www.chugachelectric.com, or in printed form by calling 762-4177.



Chugach base rates change

Base rates for demand and energy for Chugach retail customers rose 1.3 percent, effective May 14. The increase was driven, in part, by distribution storm-related costs (see story below) during the fourth quarter of 2011 and lower retail sales.

The rate change was requested by Chugach in a March 30 filing with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. The RCA approved the request May 3.

State turns down request for December storm disaster declaration

A request for a state disaster declaration that would have allowed Chugach to recover at least some of the cost of responding to damage from an unusual series of winter storms has been denied. Damage was especially heavy, costly and inconvenient across the northern Kenai Peninsula, leading borough Mayor Mike Navarre to declare a disaster at the local level and request consideration for the same from the state. A state declaration could have enabled Chugach to seek reimbursement for at least a portion

of the approximately \$2 million it spent restoring power and repairing lines and structures downed or damaged by high winds, heavy snow and icing.

The denial was contained in a March 28 letter to Mayor Navarre from Major General Thomas Katkus, Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. In turning down the request, Gen. Katkus noted that response was within the capability of Chugach, that at the time of the request the situation had been resolved, that only a single utility (Chugach) seemed to have been affected and was therefore not "widespread", and that as a utility Chugach could seek to recover its costs through rates. {800027}

The cost of responding to storms and repairing storm-related damage in the fourth quarter of 2011 was part of the reason for the 1.3 percent increase in retail demand and energy rates that went into effect May 14 (see related article in this Outlet).

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 700 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.07054 x kwh =	\$49.38
Fuel \$0.06036 x kwh =	\$42.25
Purchased power \$0.00522 x kwh =	\$ 3.65
(Fuel & purchased power rates effective 4/1/12-6/30/12) (Energy charge pending RCA approval)	
Subtotal	\$ 103.28
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.07
RCC \$0.000492 x kwh =	\$ 0.34
Total bill	\$105.69

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