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Save money on your electric bill

Good news – save money on your electric bill. Chugach has a new look on its web site – Information on how to determine your energy usage, how to save energy and reduce your bills and links to additional sites that will assist you in making the right energy choices are at your fingertips. This is just the beginning. Check out Chugach's web site at www.chugachelectric.com. Over the next few months you will be seeing additional changes that will [help you save money on your electric bill](#). See Page Two for more energy tips.

Other news – on the membership front. [Elections and Annual Meeting are coming](#). Although you only have one choice for your electric provider that is designated by the location of your residence or business, fortunately [Chugach is a cooperative owned by its members](#) and you get one vote per membership. Election to the Chugach Board of Directors and any changes to the Cooperative's Bylaws are by vote of its members. Unfortunately, only about 15.5 percent of eligible Chugach members voted in the 2005 elections so your vote can have an impact on the outcomes. Chugach faces many critical issues in the future. Chugach staff, management and board are working hard to control costs to offset that which can't be controlled, the rising cost of fuel. [As a Chugach member you can help save money on your electric costs by practicing energy conservation and you can vote to shape the future of your cooperative.](#)



Railbelt Energy Fund proposal

Chugach and other organizations have been discussing a proposed distribution of the Railbelt Energy Fund with decision leaders in Juneau.

The Railbelt Energy Fund contains funds left over after the Susitna Hydroelectric Project was cancelled in the 1980s. Over the years, monies from the fund have been used in part to fund projects of benefit to electric customers in the region.

In September of 2005, Chugach, Matanuska Electric Association, Homer Electric Association and the Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority agreed that the \$68.5 million remaining in the fund should be distributed as follows:

- \$4.5 million to Copper Valley Electric Association cogeneration projects debt reimbursement costs
- \$14 million to AIDEA/AEA for a 115 kilovolt transmission line from the Douglas Substation to the Stevens Substation, this line would be transferred to MEA prior to energizing
- [\\$12.5 million each to Chugach and MEA for new substations, transmission lines, generation site acquisition and infrastructure development.](#)
- \$12.5 million to HEA for augmentation of existing and/or new generation at the Nikiski facility and upgrade of bulk transmission facilities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough subdivisions.
- \$12.5 million to AIDEA for restart of the Healy Clean Coal Plant

[Chugach's concern](#), expressed to its membership repeatedly, has been the [rising cost of fuel, something that Chugach cannot control](#). If Chugach receives money from

Major energy-saving measures mean major savings

Last month we provided some lower-cost energy saving tips to help decrease your energy bills. Here are a few more:

-  Install weather stripping and change the threshold weather stripping around outside doors.
-  Caulk gaps in foundations, siding and other places where heat can escape your home. Use silicone acrylic caulk for small gaps and expansion foam spray for larger holes and cracks.
-  Buy plastic window insulation kits and insulate your windows.
-  Install a flow resistor pipe in shower heads.
-  Use warm or cold water whenever possible for laundry or dishwashers.

Save money on your electric bill continued

Voting packets will be mailed to Chugach members of record the week of March 27. Each voting packet will provide important information so you can make an educated choice. The packets will include an election brochure with meeting announcements, candidate statements, attendance and voting records, a ballot and a return envelope. [Member's return mail ballots must be received by noon on April 24.](#) Ballot envelopes that arrive after the deadline will not be counted. However, voting is allowed at the cooperative's annual meeting. Results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting. [The Chugach 2006 Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 27, at the Egan Civic & Convention Center.](#) Registration starts at 6 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. A photo identification is required for registration.

In February, Chugach sent a mailing to non-natural members (organizations such as corporations and other entities), asking that they select someone to vote on their behalf. If an updated application or signature card was not returned by the record date of March 15, the signature on the membership application on file with Chugach will be the authorized signer for the 2006 election. If the designated non-natural member of record has not voted by mail, he or she may also vote at the annual meeting.

This year's annual meeting will feature vendors providing energy efficiency tips and products. Refreshments will also be served when the doors open at 6 p.m.

Railbelt Energy Fund proposal continued

the Railbelt Energy Fund it can be used on construction of infrastructure. This is an area [where Chugach does have some control by using open and competitive bidding to get the lowest cost and to help lower our maintenance through greater efficiencies.](#) The \$12.5 million that Chugach would be appropriated from the fund assures greater reliability and lower costs.

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Residential service costs

(based on 700 kWh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.42
Energy charge \$0.09282 x kWh =	\$64.97
Fuel adjustment/\$0.03082 x kWh =	<u>\$21.57</u>
Sub-total	\$94.96
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 1.90
RCC charge \$0.000433 x kWh =	<u>\$ 0.30</u>
Total bill	\$97.16

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