

OUTLET

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Chugach members elect directors

Chugach Electric members re-elected Bruce Dougherty and Susan Reeves to the utility's Board of Directors. Election results were announced Thursday, May 19, at the cooperative's annual meeting. Reeves, Dougherty, and Ron Stafford ran for two seats.

Dougherty and Reeves received the most votes and will serve four-year terms. Dougherty is a retired health program manager for the State of Alaska and Reeves is an

attorney.

Just over 9 percent of Chugach's 68,937 members voted in the election. Of the votes cast, roughly 58 percent were by mail and 41 percent were cast electronically via the internet or telephone.

In other voting, Chugach members approved two bylaw amendments. One clarified the duration of the term for a director appointed to fill a board vacancy, and the other clarified a provision of



Board members Bruce Dougherty and Susan Reeves

Chugach's health insurance to comply with federal law. A total of 187 Chugach members registered at

the annual meeting, with an estimated 400 people attending the event at the Dena'ina Center.

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
Sisi Cooper, Treasurer
Bruce Dougherty, Secretary



Members were also updated about the transition of the cooperative's Chief Executive Officer. Brad Evans (pictured right) told the crowd he will be retiring in July after 33 years in the electric utility business. Lee Thibert (pictured left) will take over for Evans. Thibert has been with Chugach Electric since 1987, most recently as Senior Vice President, Strategic Development and Regulatory Affairs.

Election summary

Members of record for the 2016 election	68,937
Returned mail ballot envelopes	3,838
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	3,663
Electronic ballots cast	2,590
Members that registered at the annual meeting	187
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	78
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	76
Total ballots cast in the 2016 election	6,504
Total valid ballots cast in the 2016 election	6,329
Percentage of members of record with a valid vote	9.2%

Director's election

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

Bruce Dougherty	4,324
Susan Reeves	4,873
Ron Stafford	1,834

Bylaw amendments

	Yes	No
Clarifying the duration of the term for a director appointed to fill a board vacancy	5,736	497
Provision of health insurance to comply with Federal law	5,398	830

Chugach considers Simplified Rate Filings

Chugach Electric is considering using a method called Simplified Rate Filing (SRF) to adjust energy and demand rates in the near future. The purpose of SRF is to establish expedited filing and rate adjustment procedures for nonprofit electric cooperatives regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). The primary reason for the change is to enable Chugach to make moderate base rate changes routinely—and with less cost—than the current process allows.

Under SRF, the Chugach Board of Directors has the major responsibility for

evaluating rate adjustments. Rate changes, however, still need to be approved by the RCA. SRF allows for a streamlined, more efficient regulatory process, and is available to electric cooperatives. If the Chugach board approves the SRF method, Chugach would make filings every three months. The filings can adjust rates up or down, or leave them unchanged.

While there are no limits on rate decreases, increases under SRF are limited to no more than 8 percent in a 12-month period or 20 percent in a 36-month period. The board will address this

action at its June 29, 2016 meeting. Giving notice to Chugach members that the board is considering adopting SRF is part of the notification process. While SRF provides a means to make more timely changes to demand and energy, it would not change the way Chugach adjusts its fuel and purchased power charges. These rates will continue to be adjusted on a quarterly basis as part of Chugach's Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Rate Adjustment filings. For more information, go to www.chugachelectric.com/inside-chugach/regulatory-affairs/simplified-rate-filing.

100' Bucket truck added to fleet



When an existing 65 foot aerial bucket truck reached the end of its service life in the Chugach fleet, it was decided to replace it with one that will permit work on transmission lines up to 100 feet tall. The newest addition to the Chugach fleet is an ALTEC, AH100 Aerial Bucket Truck with an effective working height of 100 feet. It is our largest aerial device. The unit has a basket capacity of 800 pounds and a total capacity for the basket and jib of 2100 pounds. This unit will make transmission line maintenance and access to tall structures more efficient and safer. {1226810}

Power Pick Up Crew helps clean up Anchorage



Chugach Electric employees took part in Anchorage's annual Citywide Cleanup Week. Roughly 25 members of the Power Pick Up Crew picked up trash around Chugach's headquarters on May 6. Cleanup Week, sponsored by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, encourages businesses and individuals to pick up trash around the city as winter turns to spring each May.



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811

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(800) 390-2782

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In Anchorage

762-7888

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 600 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.11470 x kwh =	\$68.82
Fuel \$0.04161 x kwh =	\$24.97
Purchased power \$0.00851 x kwh =	\$5.11
FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00174 x kwh =	<u>\$1.04</u>
<small>(Fuel, Purchased power and Fire Island Wind renewable energy adjustment factors pending Regulatory Commission of Alaska approval)</small>	
Subtotal	\$107.94
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.16
Regulatory Cost Charge \$0.000732 x kwh =	<u>\$ 0.44</u>
Total bill	\$110.54