



Chugach Electric alerts members of bill increases due to wildfire

Chugach is alerting members that they will see increases in power bills in the coming months because the Swan Lake Fire damaged the transmission line that connects the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project to the Chugach system and cut off power from that facility.

The transmission line has been out of service for several weeks at the request of fire crews fighting the fire, which has now burned over 167,000 acres on the Kenai Peninsula.

Because of the loss of access to Bradley Lake power, more natural gas is being used and will continue to be until the line is repaired and back in service. Increases may not show up immediately, but Chugach is estimating members will see bills rise between 3 and 6 percent over time until the

Are you prepared for a power outage?

The high winds, power outages, and wildfires that kicked up in August remind us that Alaska is a dynamic place to live, and we need to be prepared for a variety of hazards.

Chugach's priority is providing safe, reliable power, but we know weather conditions and other factors can pose significant challenges. With winter approaching, now is a good time to evaluate your family disaster plan. Major winter storms and earthquakes can result in multi-day outages. {234044}

Disaster experts recommend supplies for five-to-seven days conveniently located in a container or backpack that could be carried with you if

line is back in service. Natural gas is a more expensive power source than hydroelectric power, and Bradley Lake generally makes up about 10 percent of Chugach's power supply requirements.



A recent aerial survey showed fire damaged more than 60 poles and associated structures. Bradley Lake is the largest of seven hydroelectric facilities in Alaska, producing up to 10 percent of the energy needs in the Railbelt.

necessary. Some items to include:

- Water (one gallon of water per person, per day)
- Food
- Basic first aid supplies
- Sanitation supplies such as toilet paper, soap, disinfectant
- Clothing
- Bedding
- Tools
- Pet supplies
- Emergency supplies such as a battery-operated radio, flashlights, matches
- Those with significant medical needs should consider having a generator

For more information on personal disaster preparedness, go to: <https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/prepare-my-family-disaster>.



Partnership leads to EV charging station at Alyeska Resort

Chugach is partnering with some of its commercial members in an effort to expand electric vehicle charging stations in the Chugach service territory. We recently cut the ribbon with our first partner, Alyeska Resort, who installed a charging station on the property to be used by visitors and locals.

Applications are being evaluated for four more charging stations as part of a research project to better understand the public's use of electric vehicles. The selected applicants will receive Chugach assistance with the installation costs in exchange for the member owning, operating, and maintaining the charging station. Chugach

will receive three years of charging data from the commercial partner.



Charging station ribbon cutting at Alyeska Resort

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Breakfast with Champions



Chugach Electric employees were proud to be a part of the Special Olympics Alaska recent Breakfast with Champions.

Breakfast with Champions is an inspirational event that brings together community leaders, corporate executives, Special Olympics athletes, families, volunteers and supporters to honor the accomplishments of Special Olympics athletes. Thank you for a great event honoring some truly amazing Alaskans!

Volunteers needed for Annual Meeting committees

Chugach is looking for members to serve on its Annual Meeting committees. A successful meeting depends upon volunteers who staff the Nominating, Bylaws, and Election committees. The next Annual Meeting is Monday, June 15, 2020.



Interested members will need to submit an application and conformance form. For more information call 762-4177, or visit Chugach's website at www.chugachelectric.com. Applications are due Oct. 22, 2019.



Cooler temps are just around



the corner! Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency.



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Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.