

# OUTLET

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## Lee Thibert takes over as CEO



Longtime Chugach Electric Association manager Lee Thibert is the utility's new chief executive officer (CEO). Thibert replaces Brad Evans, who retired as CEO in mid-July after serving in that role for eight years.

"This is an exciting time in the Railbelt as we look for opportunities to work

with other utilities to better serve all Alaskans with low-cost, reliable power," said Thibert. "From power pooling and economic dispatch, to utilizing new technologies and renewable integration, there are a number of important and interesting areas we will continue to focus on moving forward."

Thibert has worked at Chugach since 1987, holding a variety of senior management positions over the past couple of decades; most recently serving as senior vice president,

strategic development and regulatory affairs.

"We are pleased to welcome Lee as the new CEO, and are confident Chugach remains in capable hands with his leadership," said Janet Reiser, Chugach Board Chair. "This transition should be seamless, as Brad and Lee have worked together for several years. We are confident Lee will continue to advance the interests of Chugach members."

Born in Minnesota, Thibert has a Bachelor

of Arts in organizational management from Alaska Pacific University. Married to his wife, Janet, for 38 years, they have two grown daughters and eight grandchildren. Out of the office Thibert bikes, swims, skis, runs, and is a wood worker.



New CEO Lee Thibert meets with employees Troy Kirkelie and Michael Rodgers at the Beluga Power Plant

## July 17 outage – What happened?

On Sunday night, July 17, Chugach Electric customers, and customers up and down the Railbelt, experienced a short power outage. The outage began when units 7 and 6 at Municipal Light & Power's Plant 2 tripped off after a cooling fan failed. A loss of generation of this type would generally not trigger an outage, however, the Southcentral Power Project (owned jointly by Chugach and MLP) tripped off as well. Chugach has determined the plant was running under an operating configuration that did not allow it to react properly to a dip in the frequency required (60 Hz) for grid

operations. Chugach is currently not using that configuration until it's determined why it didn't work as expected.

Following those events, load shedding began throughout the Railbelt. During load shedding, substation feeders are systematically opened (taken off line) to reduce system load and avoid a much larger outage. Load shedding is a rare but required activity to keep an electrical system from collapsing when there is significantly more power demand than generation on the system, which causes an unstable dip in frequency. The six Railbelt utilities have

a plan and shared protocols which went into action on July 17. Each utility sheds a small portion of their load to stabilize the system. The plan worked, and Alaska utility customers did not experience a major outage all at once. During load shedding some feeders that serve critical areas

such as airports, hospitals, emergency response, etc., are excluded.

In total, 39,000 Chugach customers were impacted by the outage which lasted 35 to 50 minutes, depending on the location of the customer in Anchorage.

## Ways to report an outage

To report an outage, you may call our Outage Hotline at 762-7888 within Anchorage or 800-478-7494 outside of Anchorage or you can use the online outage reporting tool at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com). Also on the website is

a map showing current outages.

For outage updates and other information, connect with us on Facebook, Twitter or our website. But remember you cannot report an outage via Facebook or Twitter.

## Chugach and the City of Seward extend Power Sales Agreement

Chugach and Seward agreed to extend the term of a 2006 Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Power and Energy for an additional five-year period; from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2021. The agreement contains an evergreen clause providing for an automatic

five-year extension unless written notice is provided at least one year prior to the expiration date. The extension was subject to the approval from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, which approved it in July.



## Chugach moves distribution lines underground



Construction has begun to remove overhead distribution lines on Klatt Road for a road improvement project. The lines will be installed underground.

This project is in conjunction with the Alaska Department of Transportation's installation of a new roundabout at the intersection of Klatt and John's Road. It is being entirely paid for by the project funding.



## Lower your summer energy bills

As you are out enjoying the longer days and the midnight sun, you can also save money on electric bills in the summer months. Below are a few tips for cutting costs this time of year.

### Use the midnight sun

To decrease your electric bill, increase the amount of natural light that enters your home. This will reduce your need for artificial lighting, such as incandescent light bulbs. Open your curtains, blinds and skylights to naturally light your home to save energy and lower your lighting costs.

### Turn your water heater off or down when you're away

As you're on the way out of town for a long fishing

trip or family vacation turn your water heater down or off before you hit the road. You can save a considerable amount of energy and money by setting your heater to the "vacation" or "off" mode until you return.

### Replace your old refrigerator

Your refrigerator is on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is often the top energy hog in a home. If your refrigerator was made in 2001 or earlier it could be using 2 to 3 times the electricity of a present day energy efficient model. Invest in an Energy Star® certified refrigerator today to keep your food fresh and your electric bill down. {191284771}

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### Member number hide-n-seek

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.



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Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Main number

563-7494

Toll free

(800) 478-7494

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563-7366

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762-4678

24-hour payment line

762-7803

Credit

563-5060

Power theft hotline

762-4731

Danger tree hotline

762-7227

Street light hotline

762-7676

Underground locates

811

Regulatory Commission of AK

(800) 390-2782

or

To report a power outage

762-7888

In Anchorage

(800) 478-7494

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## Monthly residential service costs (based on 600 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.1832 x kwh =	\$70.99
Fuel \$0.04346 x kwh =	\$26.08
Purchased power \$0.00731 x kwh =	\$4.39
FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00201 x kwh =	\$1.21
<small>(Fuel, Purchased power and Fire Island Wind renewable energy adjustment factors effective July 5, 2016)</small>	
Subtotal	\$110.67
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.21
Gross Revenue Tax \$0.0005 x kwh =	\$ 0.30
Regulatory Cost Charge \$0.000675 x kwh =	\$ 0.41
<b>Total bill</b>	<b>\$113.59</b>