

# OUTLET

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## Chugach Donates Trucks for Education

### Retired vehicles going to UAA, NECA/IBEW training programs

Chugach is retiring two vehicles and donating them to training programs at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the Alaska Electrical Training School.

UAA's Diesel Power Technology program will receive a 1989 utility line/digger derrick truck that has been in the Chugach fleet for 27 years. Because of its age and condition it is being retired, but will be a great teaching aid for the UAA program. The truck has all of the systems any fleet mechanic would work on including diesel engine, power train, hydraulic system, electrical systems, gears, controls and pumps.

The NECA/IBEW Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & Training Trust, which operates the Alaska Electrical Training School, is getting a 1990 model aerial bucket truck after 26 years of use at Chugach. The truck is no longer road-worthy, but is still a valuable teaching aid. The aerial bucket unit passed its safety and dielectric inspection and is still usable for training purposes at the Alaska Electrical Training School. The school can use the truck for instruction on use of an aerial bucket, bucket truck rescue training, and safety.



"We're very pleased to be able to make these donations to two local educational programs," said Lee Thibert, Chugach CEO. "After years of valuable use at Chugach, it is good to know these trucks will provide skill training for our industry and help prepare future mechanics and linemen with hands-on experience."

Chugach Electric Senior Shop Mechanic Richard Dusenbury serves on the Diesel Power Technology Advisory Council at UAA and helped organize the donations.

## Energy Efficiency Tips:



It's that time of year to drink hot cocoa by a cozy fire. When using your fireplace, remember to turn your heater down or off and close the damper when the fireplace

is not in use. If you use your fireplace often, consider installing a fireplace insert to improve its efficiency.

To make sure your heating system is working efficiently, call in the professionals to get your system serviced every year during the fall or early winter. A properly functioning heating system can help keep costs down.

Holiday lights can add a twinkle to your home, but they also can increase your electric bill. LED holiday lights use up to 80% less electricity than incandescent bulbs and come in a variety of colors and sizes. Due to their long bulb life, you can use the same light string for up to 40 holiday seasons! Now that's a good investment!

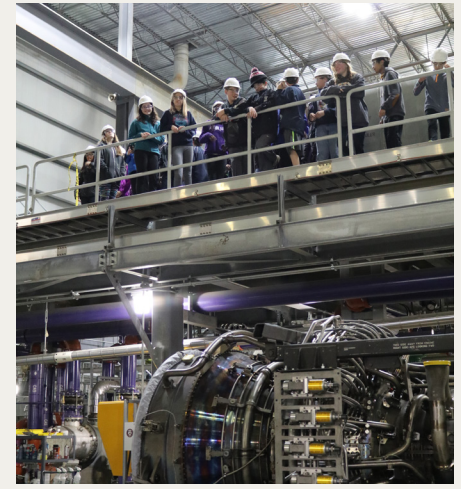
## Power Pledge Challenge

More than 2,200 middle-school science students from 15 schools in the Anchorage, Juneau and Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Districts participated in the 2016 Power Pledge Challenge.

Students learned how to calculate energy usage through a hands-on activity from the AK EnergySmart curriculum. Each classroom with a 75 percent or greater student participation in the pledge was entered to win.



*Alaska First Lady Donna Walker visited the grand-prize winning classroom at Wasilla Middle School and celebrated with an ice cream party.*



*Northern Lights ABC School was the Anchorage regional winner. Their prize was a tour of the Southcentral Power Project and a pizza party.*

## Annual Meeting and election notes

Chugach's annual membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center.

Two directors will be elected to the Chugach board in the upcoming 2017 election. There is a 4-year term and a 3-year term. The 3-year term is the result of a vacancy on the board. {191301245}

Members who are interested in either meeting with and being considered by the Nominating Committee, or running by petition, should call 907-762-4791 to obtain a candidate packet. Candidate applications and resumes for

the Nominating Committee's review must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 3, 2017.

Members may submit proposed bylaw changes until 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017.

Bylaw proposals or candidate nominations should be submitted to: Tom Schulman, PO Box 196300, Anchorage, AK 99519-6300 or [tom\\_schulman@chugachelectric.com](mailto:tom_schulman@chugachelectric.com)

More information and forms may be found at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) or by calling 907-762-4177.

## Distribution lines moved underground

The view is improved at the Northeast and Southeast corners of Lake Otis and Abbott Road after Chugach's overhead distribution facilities were relocated. As part of a State road project, overhead lines that were in conflict with the road project were converted to underground and all overhead facilities were removed. In addition to the lines connected to the road project, Chugach also undergrounded additional overhead lines in the area using the funds allocated each year to putting overhead lines underground resulting in a more complete looking project.



*Chugach's Southcentral Power Project saves 80,000 tons of CO2 per year compared to operating the older Beluga Power Plant. This is equal to the CO2 reduction from all Chugach's hydro power plants per year.*



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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.