

# Chugach members elect two directors

David Gillespie and Susan Reeves were elected to 3-year terms on the Chugach Electric Association board of directors. Election results were announced at the cooperative utility's annual meeting, May 16. P.J. Hill and Trudy Sobocienski were also candidates in the election.

About 12 percent of the Chugach members of record voted, with

### 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 Jim Henderson, Secretary Sisi Cooper, Treasurer



David Gillespie

Susan Reeves

about 31 percent of the votes cast via the Internet.

Gillespie is the CEO of The Aleut Corporation. Reeves is an attorney and the managing member of Reeves Amodio. She has served on the board since 2010.

In other voting, Chugach members approved a proposed bylaw change allowing 4-year director terms.

#### Election summary

| Members of record for the 2013 election                          | 68,317      |
|--|-------------|
| Returned mail ballot envelopes                                   | 6,007       |
| Validated returned mail ballot envelopes                         | 5,761       |
| Electronic ballots cast  | 2,578       |
| Members that registered at the annual meeting                    | 176         |
| In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting                   | 69          |
| In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting                     | 68          |
| Total ballots cast in the 2012 election                          | 8,653       |
| Total valid ballots cast in the 2013 election                    | 8,407       |
| Percentage of members of record that voted                       | 12.7        |
| Director election  |             |
| (Seats on the board to be filled by the two candidates receiving | the most    |
| votes)   |             |
| David Gillespie  | 4,272       |
| P.J. Hill  | 3,853       |
| Susan Reeves   | 5,315       |
| Trudy Sobocienski  | 2,183       |
| Bylaw Amendment  | Yes/No      |
| Authorizing longer board terms                                   | 4,732/3,502 |

# Community celebrates Southcentral Power Project

A grand opening ceremony was held for the new Southcentral Power Project on May 9. SPP is an efficient, gas-fired power plant built by Chugach Electric Association and Municipal Light & Power. It is the state's most efficient gasfired thermal power plant serving electric utility customers.

The cooperation by the two utilities to jointly plan, construct and operate one plant to serve both customer bases was noted by several speakers. Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell, Mayor Dan Sullivan and leaders of the two utilities spoke to the crowd prior to the ribbon cutting. Representatives Chris Tuck and Charisse Millett presented a legislative citation to Chugach and ML&P recognizing their joint efforts on behalf of customers.

The new power plant has three gas turbine-generators and one steam turbine-generator that operate in combined-cycle mode to efficiently produce electricity. Hot exhaust from the gas turbines is captured and used to turn water into steam for the steam unit. The new plant produces a kilowatt-hour using only about three-fourths of the natural gas compared to the prior system average for other generation units.



Representative Charisse Millett, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, Chugach Board Chair Janet Reiser, Mayor Dan Sullivan and ML&P Commissioner Bob Shake prepare to cut the ribbon and welcome guests into the plant for tours.

More information on the Southcentral Power Project is available at www.chugachelectric.com

### Chugach empowers residential members with new online tools to help save money and energy

In late April, Chugach launched an innovative energy efficiency pilot program called MyPower. The program is designed to inform residential members about their energy use and assist them in taking steps toward reducing energy consumption. The pilot program is funded by the Alaska Energy Authority's "Biggest State to Biggest Saver" grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The pilot is comprised of two unique online tools which have been developed by Opower, a leader in the field of utility consumer engagement. The MyPower tool gives residential members information about their energy consumption through a userfriendly online portal. Members that use MyPower can interact with their energy usage information, review a large library of efficiency tips, conduct an automated home energy audit, compare energy usage with similar homes, develop a savings plan, and more. All of these features are designed to help members actively engage with their energy information and make smarter choices about their energy use. Residential members can start using MyPower by simply logging into their account through the Chugach website.

The second tool gives residential members the ability to share and compare their energy use with friends on Facebook with a Social

Energy Application (app). The Social Energy Application is the result of a partnership between Opower, Facebook and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) that is being offered by Chugach as a new way for members to further engage in their energy use. The application allows members to compare their energy use to similar homes and among friends, publish conversations about energy to social networks, form teams to achieve collective energy goals, participate in energy-saving challenges and discover great energy saving tips and insights. To get started, residential members should visit www.social.opower. com or search for the "Opower" app on Facebook.

To find out more information about MyPower and the Social Energy Application visit www. chugachelectric.com.



#### Want to win an iPad mini?

Start using MyPower and/or the Social Energy Application before July 1st and your name will be entered into a drawing to win an Apple iPad mini.

To find out more visit www.chugachelectric. com and click on the MyPower button.

## LED bulbs save money and energy

At the May 16 annual meeting, Chugach once again gave out LED lights to members. This year, the LEDs were a replacement for 60watt incandescent bulbs.

According to the 2012 Alaska Energy End Use Study an estimated 7 percent of Railbelt residential electricity was used for lighting. In the commercial sector, it was estimated at 28 percent.

The conventional incandescent light bulb, which has been around since the late 1800s, converts only 10 percent of electricity into light and the rest into heat. {1095370}

For consumers looking to convert to other technologies, three offer more efficient illumination. Both halogen and compact fluorescent bulbs use less electricity to produce light, so do light-emitting-diode, or LED, bulbs which are the most efficient. On a lifecycle basis, they save money, but cost more initially. However, as LEDs take hold in the market and production costs come down, so do the costs of the bulbs.

For more ways to save, visit the Smart Power link from Chugach's homepage www.chugachelectric. com.

LEDs offer the following estimation of savings.

|   | LED    | Incandescent |
|---|--------|--------------|
| Watt  | 10     | 60           |
| Operating<br>hours<br>per year<br>(~3 hr/day) | 1,100  | 1,100        |
| Watt-hours<br>per year                        | 11,000 | 66,000       |
| kWh per year                                  | 11     | 66           |
| Cost per year<br>(\$0.14/kWh)                 | \$1.54 | \$9.24       |

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| Energy charge \$0.08472 x kwh =   | \$55.07        |
|---|----------------|
| Fuel \$0.03887 x kwh =  | \$25.27        |
| Purchased power \$0.00408 x kwh =   | \$2.65         |
| FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00185 x kwh =   | <u>\$1.20</u>  |
| (Fuel, Purchased power and FIW renewable energy<br>adjustment factors effective 4/1/13 – 6/30/2013) |                |
| Subtotal  | 92.19          |
| 2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =  | \$ 1.84        |
| RCC \$0.000568 x kwh =  | <u>\$ 0.37</u> |
| Total bill  | \$94.40        |

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