

# OUTLET

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## Chugach urges Yes vote on consolidation - Proposition 10

Chugach Electric is urging members to vote yes on whether the city should move forward with the consolidation of Chugach Electric and Municipal Light and Power. The question is on the municipal election ballot as Proposition 10, asking voters to authorize the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to sell ML&P to Chugach.

Consolidating Chugach and ML&P has been discussed in Anchorage for more than 30 years, with the goal of eliminating duplication and taking advantage of the economies of scale that can be realized when you have one utility serving the small population of the Anchorage Bowl.

As part of its offer to the MOA, Chugach says potential savings of hundreds of millions of dollars will be realized over several decades, reducing electric rates for all ratepayers in the long-term. If voters approve the sale, further due diligence work will be done to reach a final sales agreement. That agreement needs to be approved by the Chugach Board of Directors, the Anchorage Assembly, and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. These meetings are public and Anchorage residents will have a chance to weigh in. A website dedicated to providing information about the proposed consolidation is available at [www.poweranchorage.com](http://www.poweranchorage.com).

### Credit card payment changes

Responding to the requests of our members, Chugach is pleased to make available the option to pay your electric bill using your credit card without a fee, beginning March 1, 2018. Members can pay online at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com), or call our automated payment line at (907) 563-7366, option 1. Additional options will be available later this year.



### Community meeting scheduled

In addition to community presentations being given throughout Anchorage, Chugach is holding a public meeting aimed at providing information to Chugach members. This meeting is scheduled for:

**March 13 - 6 to 7:30 pm**  
**The Center, 4855 Arctic Blvd.**

Mark your calendar and come out to ask questions and get the facts on Proposition 10.

## What is a cooperative?

Chugach was organized as an Alaska electric cooperative in 1948, with the goal of providing low cost and reliable power while serving the members' interest.

The main goal of a member-owned electric cooperative is to provide reliable, safe electric energy. The co-op model has many unique benefits.

- Not-for-profit
- Locally owned by members
- Capital credit retirements return surplus revenues to member/owners
- Member-elected board
- Exist solely to serve their members



## Annual Meeting and election notes

Chugach's annual membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center. Two directors will be elected to the Chugach board in the upcoming election. Singer/songwriter Hobo Jim will be back.

Last year, Chugach moved to a paperless election with voting done online. This process was hugely successful and will be used again this election. Paper

ballots will be available for any member who requests one. Watch for your voting information in April. Online voting opens on Friday, April 20, 2018.

All election materials will be conveniently located at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com). Members will be able to view all the election materials, become fully informed about the candidates and issues, and then vote online. {191294769}

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Chugach and ML&P consolidation presentations

As part of the effort to provide information to Chugach members and all Anchorage residents about the benefits of consolidating Chugach Electric and ML&P, Chugach and representatives from the Municipality of Anchorage have been doing almost daily presentations in the community.

Pictured here are meetings with the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation and the Alaska Support Industry Alliance. Other presentations have been given to numerous community councils, employee groups, and other professional organizations. If you are part of a group that would like a presentation on Proposition 10, please contact Julie Hasquet at [julie\\_hasquet@chugachelectric.com](mailto:julie_hasquet@chugachelectric.com).



## Electron Village update



Chugach is continuing to develop the community solar program in which members will be able to enroll to receive a share of the solar power generated by a 500 kilowatt solar project to be built on Chugach property.

The community solar program is a simple way for any member to experience solar power without needing to install it on their roof. Many members rent, own condos, or have roof orientations that are not conducive to solar. This program is designed with them in mind to give equal access to solar energy. Participation in the solar project is more expensive than power today, but it provides members with a direct and simple way to use local renewable energy and reduce their carbon footprint. Participation is optional.

To be notified when shares go on sale and other project highlights, members may sign up at [chugachelectric.com/solar](http://chugachelectric.com/solar). Enrollment is expected to begin in April, pending RCA approval. The project will be constructed once 80 percent of the 500 shares are sold.



Chugach has dispensed more than 500 kWh from its electric vehicle charging station. The charger is available to the public. Come visit us!



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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.