

### CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

#### REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

#### **AGENDA**

Mark Wiggin, Chair Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair Rachel Morse, Treasurer Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary Jim Nordlund, Director Dan Rogers, Director Katherine Jernstrom, Director

**September 17, 2025** 

4:00 p.m.

**Chugach Board Room** 

- I. CALL TO ORDER (4:00 p.m.)
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Safety Minute: Dangers of Downed Power Lines (Queen)
  - D. Electric Power Factoid: Electric Service Requirements (ESR) (Reid)
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA\* (4:10 p.m.)
- III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (4:10 p.m.)
  - A. Member Comments
- IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS (4:30 p.m.)
  - A. Alaska Power Association (APA) Report
  - B. Board Committee Reports (Audit & Finance, Operations & Governance)
  - C. Other Meeting Reports
- V. CONSENT AGENDA\* (4:45 p.m.)
  - A. Board Calendar
  - B. Training and Conferences
    - 1. NWPPA Finance Committee, September 17, 2025, Virtual
    - 2. APA Annual Meeting, September 22 26, 2025, Cordova, AK
    - 3. NRECA Region 7&9 Meeting, October 6 8, 2025, Bellevue, WA
    - 4. NWPPA Board of Trustees Meeting, October 14 17, 2025, Colorado Springs, CO
    - 5. NRECA Winter School, December 12 16, 2025, Nashville, TN
    - 6. APA Legislative Conference, February 3 5, 2026, Juneau, AK
    - 7. NWPPA Board of Trustees Meeting, February 18 20, 2026, Vancouver, WA

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes Action Items

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8. NRECA PowerXchange, March 6 - 11, 2026, Nashville, TN

#### C. Minutes

- 1. August 26 & 27, 2025, Strategic Planning & Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Slocum)
- D. Board Policy Updates (BP 103, 106, BP 206 &, BP 208)
- E. Foundation Board Policies
- F. MAC Liaison Appointment
- G. Director Expenses

#### VI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE (4:45 p.m.)

- A. Community Outreach Update (Hasquet) (4:45 p.m.)
- B. Cents of Community Update (Clarkson) (4:50 p.m.)
- C. Eklutna Update (Laughlin/Hasquet/Clarkson) (5:05 p.m.)
- D. July 2025 Financial Statements and Variance Report (Millwood) (5:20 p.m.)
- E. Gas Supply Update (Rudeck/Herrmann) (5:35 p.m.)
- F. Business Development Report (Skaling) (5:55 p.m.)
- G. Board Policy Scheduled Tasks (Miller) (6:10 p.m.)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS (scheduled) (6:15 p.m.)
  - A. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements\* (Millen/Menefee) (6:15 p.m.)
  - B. Equity Management Plan\* (S. Highers/Millwood) (6:25 p.m.)
  - C. Foundation Financial Services\* (Millwood) (6:45 p.m.)
- VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS (7:00 p.m.)
  - IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none)
  - X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (7:15 p.m.)

(Recess 15-Minutes)

- A. Gas Supply Update (Rudeck/Herrmann) (7:30 p.m.)
- XI. NEW BUSINESS (none)
- XII. ADJOURNMENT\* (8:00 p.m.)

# Dangers of Downed Power Lines

# Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Regular Board of Directors' Meeting September 17, 2025

### **Electrocution:**

Direct contact with a downed line can be fatal, as can touching any object it has energized, such as fences, trees, or water pipes

# **Step Potential:**

Electricity can flow into the ground from a downed line, creating a voltage gradient. If you have one foot closer to the source of the charge than the other, the voltage difference can shock you

### **Invisible Hazard:**

A downed line doesn't have to spark, smoke, or make noise to be dangerous; it can be deadly even if it looks inactive

# **Energized Objects:**

Downed lines can energize nearby objects, including fences, trees, bushes, buildings, and even manhole covers

# What to do if you See a Downed Line

## **STOP**

Immediately move away from line and anything it is touching

- At least 30 feet for a Distribution Line
- At Least 100 feet from a Transmission Line

### **LOOK**

Survey the area for objects that may be energized

### DO NOT TOUCH

Never attempt to move or touch the downed wire or anything it is in contact with

### **CALL 911**

Report the downed line to authorities

### **WARN OTHERS**

Keep others away from the area



Transmission Line



**Distribution Line** 

# **Safety Tips**



- Never stand under or near damaged trees or damaged utility equipment. Damaged objects and equipment could be unstable and fall at any time
- Never drive over or under damaged lines
- Always obey road closure signs and barricades
- Never approach a utility worker unless they have confirmed it is safe to do so

# **Safety Statistics for August 2025**

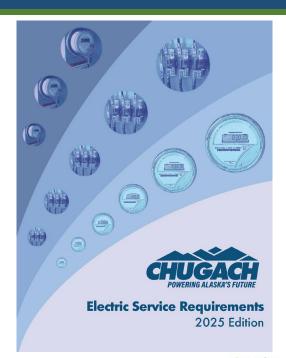
Recordable Injuries						
Business Unit	2024 Totals	2024 August YTD	2025 August YTD			
Power Generation	4	3	2			
System Operations	6	5	7			
Office & Administration	0	0	1			
Total	10	8	10			

DART Injuries						
Business Unit 2024 Totals 2024 August YTD 2025 August YTD						
Power Generation	4	3	2			
System Operations	6	5	7			
Office & Administration	0	0	1			
Total	10	8	10			

Rates and Days Away & Restricted Workdays						
	2024 Totals   2024 August YTD   2025 August YTD   Industy Avg.					
OSHA Rate	2.42	3.26	3.78	1.70		
Lost Time Rate	1.45	1.81	1.89	0.70		
DART Rate	1.94	1.45	3.78	0.30		
Lost Workdays	344	335	411	N/A		

# **Energy Factoid: Electric Service Requirements**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting September 17, 2025



Electric Service Requirements (ESR)

### Information used by:

- Customers
- Engineers and Architects
- Contractors and Electricians
- Other involved in planning and constructing electric services and meter installations



# **Electric Service Requirements**

# What are Electric Service Requirements?

- Provides requirements for electric service
- Process and deliverables
- Supplements National Electric Code (NEC)

# Why are they important?

- Safety
- Standardization
- Reliability

#### NEW SERVICE PROCEDURE CHECKLIST

The following represents a checklist of the basic procedures required to complete the Utility service application. Please consult the checklist below to make certain all the applicable items have been completed.

- Electrical Service Extension Request: For Chugach service, the building owner or authorized representative must submit an Engineering Request for a new service on the Chuach website.
- https://memberforms.chugachelectric.com/EngineeringRequest/
- Service Location: You must provide to the Utility: 1) a site plan showing the
  proposed service location and location of other utilities; 2) the building outline; 3) any
  future building(s); 4) the property layout and site elevations; and 5) landscaping
  plans.
- Electrical Drawings: For all commercial services and residential services over eight (8) units, you must provide the Utility with a complete set of MOA approved electrical drawings which include service entrance equipment and distribution panel information. Outside of the MOA inspection area, MOA approvals do not apply.
- 4. <u>Load Estimates</u>: For all services, you must provide the Utility with an estimate of the electrical demand load, based on the total connected load. Commercial services will require the electrical load information as furnished by the customer's engineer and approved by the MOA. Outside of the MOA inspection area, MOA approvals do not apoly.

Once the above items are completed, the Utility can begin the necessary design.

- 5. Permit and Inspection: Contact the Municipality of Anchorage Development Services Department (See Directory) for procedures on obtaining the required permit and electrical inspection of your service entrance equipment. Outside of the MOA inspection area, contact the State of Alaska for inspection of non-residential and multi-family residential larger than druplexes.
- New Accounts: You must establish an account with the Utility through the Customer Service Department (See Directory) for each new meter.
- Payments and Fees: If required, it may be necessary to pay a deposit or fee to the Utility for such items as temporary services, trenching, concrete cutting and repair, and steam thawing.
- Construction Schedule: Contact the Utility's Line Extension or Project Coordinator (See Directory) after the service entrance has been inspected for scheduling information.

Once items five through eight have been completed, the Utility crews can begin service construction.

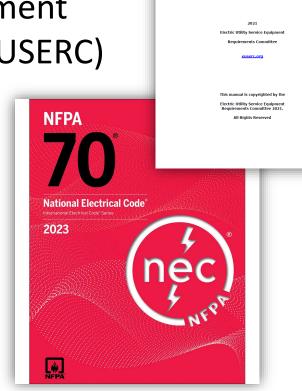


# **How Are They Created**

Industry Standards

 Electric Utility Service Equipment Requirements Committee (EUSERC)

Previous Experiences







# 2025 Edition

# Updates Include:

- Compliance with 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC)
- Consolidates all information post ML&P acquisition
- Updated Service Maps
- Updated Contact Information
- Updated to Current Chugach Practices





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7	8	9	4:00pm Governance Committee Meeting (Board Room CR) - Stephanie Huddell	11	8:30am FW: Regular Board Meeting Packet Review (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Stephanie Huddell	13
14	15	16	17 12:00pm NWPPA Finance Committee Virtual Meeting 4:00pm Regular Board of Directors Meeting (Board Room CR) -	18	19	20
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12	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	14 NV	4:00pm Operations Committee Meeting (Board Room CR) - Stephanie Huddell	16 - Colorado Springs (Morse) - CCB	17 od	18
19	20	21	4:00pm Regular Board of Directors Meeting (Board Room CR) - Stephanie Huddell	23	24	25
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9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	4:00pm Regular Board of Directors Meeting (Board Room CR) - Stephanie Huddell	20	21	22
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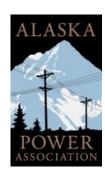
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21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 26	2	3



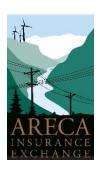
## **Alaska Power Association 74th Annual Meeting** and ARECA Insurance Exchange Annual Meeting

September 23-26, 2025, Cordova Center, Cordova, Alaska

Hosted by:

Charting Energy Frontiers





### Tuesday, September 23, 2025

**Alaska Directors Academy Cordova Center Auditorium** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Plant Tours** Meet at Cordova Center

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception** Cordova Science Center

Sponsored by Cordova Electric Cooperative

### Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Breakfast Sponsored by Kotzebue Electric Association	Cordova Center
Registration desk open	Cordova Center – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>ARECA Educational Foundation Meetings</b>	Cordova Center
NRECA Director Training	Cordova Center Auditorium
AK 220 Shareholders Meeting	Cordova Center
Companion Tour	Meet at Cordova Center
Break Spansored by NWPPA Alaska Villago Floctric Cooperative R	Cordova Center
	Sponsored by Kotzebue Electric Association Registration desk open ARECA Educational Foundation Meetings NRECA Director Training AK 220 Shareholders Meeting Companion Tour

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **APA Managers' Forum** Cordova Center

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cordova Center Lunch

Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange

**Electric Utility Legal and Regulatory Update Cordova Center** Keynote Lunch speaker:

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **ARECA Insurance Exchange Trustees Meeting** Cordova Center

Andy Leman, Counsel, Kemppel, Huffman & Ellis

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **ARECA Insurance Exchange Reception TBD** 

Sponsored by ARECA Insurance Exchange

Agenda subject to change without notice







### Thursday, September 25, 2025

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7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by Chugach Electric Association	Cordova Center
7:30 a.m 2:00 p.m.	Registration desk open	Cordova Center - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
8:00 am - 10:15 am	APA General Session I	Cordova Center Theater
	Sponsored by Kemppel, Huffman & Ellis	
8:00 am - 8:05 a.m.	Welcome Remarks	
	APA President Linda Freed, Director, Kodiak Electric Association	
8:05 am – 8:35 a.m.	Survive and Thrive in the New Normal Clay Koplin, CEO, Cordova Electric Cooperative	
8:35 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Intentional Actions: Making a Lasting Impact Sean Vanslyke, Chief Executive Officer, SEMO Electric Coope Speaker Sponsor: Professional Computer Solutions	erative
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Wildfire Policy in the West: Navigating Partisan Lines at Kurt Miller, Executive Director, Northwest Public Power Ass Speaker Sponsor: Toth and Associates	
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Alaska Energy Authority Update</b> Curtis Thayer, Executive Director, Alaska Energy Authority	
10:15 a.m 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b> Sponsored by Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, Copper Valley Elect.	Cordova Center ric Association
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	APA General Session II Co	ordova Center Theater
10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Sponsored by City of King Cove NRECA Election	
•	<b>CEO Panel – an Hour of Power, Moderated by Michael R</b> Yves Brower, BUECI GM, Brad Janorschke, HEA GM, Alec Meso Clay Koplin, CEC CEO, Brandon Shaw, IPEC CEO	
11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Robert Venables, Executive Director, Southeast Conference	ence
12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch	Cordova Center
Lunch Speaker:	Sponsored by Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc. Teri Viswanath, Lead Economist, Power, Energy & Water	er, CoBank
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	APA Board of Directors meeting	Cordova Center
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Cocktails and Silent Auction Viewing	Cordova Center
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m <b>.</b>	Buffet Dinner	Cordova Center
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Banquet speaker:	Awards Banquet Program Joel Allen, Senior Vice President & Chief Banking Office	Cordova Center r, CFC
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	ARECA Educational Foundation Auction	Cordova Center







# Friday, September 26, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Cordova Center
	Sponsored by Naknek Electric Association	
8:00 am – 11:00 am	APA General Session III	Cordova Center Theate
	Sponsored by National Information Soluti	ions Cooperative (NISC)
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Global Demand for AI and What That Mea Sam Enoka, Founder & CEO, Greensparc	ans for Alaska's Microgrids
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Trade Association Reports APA President Report: Linda Freed, Dire APA Treasurer Report: Jamie Matthews, 6 APA Executive Director Report: Crystal E	CEO, Copper Valley Electric Association
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc Crystal Enkvist, Director, Region 9	ciation Report
9:30 a.m 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by First l	<b>Break</b> National Bank Alaska, Alaska Electric Light	Cordova Center & Power, GenPac, INN Electric Co-op

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	APA General Session IV Sponsored by Milwaukee Tool	Cordova Center Theater
10:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	<b>Hydropower: The Caped Crusader of Clean E</b> Kurt Miller, Executive Director, Northwest Publi	
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Legislative Review Michae Rovito, Deputy Director, Alaska Power A	ssociation
11:00 a.m.	Membership Networking Lunch (grab and go or s	stay!) Cordova Center







# 2025 Regions 7&9 Meeting October 6 - 8, 2025 | Bellevue, WA



Download the NRECA Events App for the latest information on this event.

# Schedule

Schedule subject to change.

Printed: September 12, 2025 3:40 PM

#### **MONDAY 10/06**

7:00am - 8:30am

Pre-Conference Registration

8:00am - 12:00pm

#### **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP**

CEO/Staff Workshop: Strategic Succession Planning - Preparing your Co-op and People for the Future

Brian Allen, National Relationship Manager, Homestead Advisers Leigh Taylor, Director, Executive Search, NRECA

Registration Required - CEOs and Cooperative Staff Only | Fee: \$250

Succession planning isn't just identifying possible replacements for existing key positions. It's about aligning leadership transitions with your cooperative's long-term strategy—anticipating future needs that may not yet exist, and evolving current positions to ensure the right people are in the right roles at the right time.

Taught by NRECA and Homestead Advisers, this workshop will guide you through the essential connection between strategic planning and succession planning. You'll learn to:

- Define succession planning and its importance
- Identify leadership roles and critical positions
- Prepare your organization for smooth transitions and effective knowledge transfer
- Identify the components necessary to develop a personalized retirement plan

Investing involves risk, including the loss of principal. Homestead Advisers Corp., a registered investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of NRECA.

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

CANCELED - 2600.1 Director Duties and Liabilities

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

928.1 Artificial Intelligence and Electric Cooperatives

Registration Required

Artificial intelligence is transforming the electric industry, including cooperatives, by streamlining operations, improving reliability and enhancing member satisfaction. From processing vast amounts of meter data to automating key functions, AI is driving efficiency and innovation. In this course, gain a foundational understanding of AI—its terminology, implications, applications and strategic significance. Learn how to confidently discuss AI in the boardroom and assess whether this rapidly evolving technology has a role in your cooperative's future.

Fee: \$715

#### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

947.1 Providing Feedback to Your CEO

Registration Required

A strong board-CEO relationship is essential for a cooperative's success, whether working with a newly appointed leader or an experienced executive. With more than a third of electric cooperative CEOs eligible to retire within five years, many boards are navigating the process of building a working relationship with a new CEO.

This session explores the importance of setting clear goals and expectations that align with the cooperative's mission. Explore why regular, constructive feedback is vital to the CEO's success and learn strategies for fostering open, trust-based communication. Gain practical insights on how to approach these conversations with unity, ensuring a collaborative and forward-thinking partnership.

Fee: \$815

1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

CEO/Staff Workshop: Regional Reliability and Resiliency - Drivers & Innovative Solutions

Venkat Banunarayanan, Vice President, Integrated Grid, NRECA

Registration Required - CEOs and Cooperative Staff Only

Reliability and resiliency are the cornerstones of a strong power supply—essential for economic growth and vibrant communities. However, shifting market forces, evolving technologies, extreme weather events, policy changes and interdependent infrastructures are reshaping the electric industry. These challenges also open doors for innovation, requiring forward-thinking strategies to maintain a dependable energy supply.

This preconference workshop kicks off with an expert panel discussion, followed by a highly interactive, facilitated conversation. Participants will:

- Identify current and emerging challenges to power reliability and resiliency.
- Assess the regional impacts of these shifts and what they mean for their cooperative.
- Explore innovative solutions to address these challenges.

Come away with valuable peer insights into major obstacles and actionable opportunities for enhancing reliability and resiliency in an evolving energy landscape.

Fee: \$250

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Registration

4:00pm - 5:30pm

#### **NETWORKING**

NISC Update and Reception

5:00pm - 6:30pm

#### **NETWORKING**

America's Electric Cooperatives PAC Donor Appreciation Reception

We cordially invite all active America's Electric Cooperatives PAC members to an exclusive Thank You reception to celebrate your commitment to political engagement. Join us for an evening of food, beverages, door prizes, recognition and socializing with fellow PAC members. We appreciate your continued support.

Note: This event is exclusive for active members of America's Electric Cooperatives PAC (anyone who has contributed to America's Electric Cooperatives PAC in 2024 or 2025). If you are unsure of your America's Electric Cooperatives PAC membership status, please contact Amy Lewis at <a href="mailto:amy.lewis@nreca.coop">amy.lewis@nreca.coop</a>. If you are not an America's Electric Cooperatives PAC member but would like to be, please make your contribution today at <a href="mailto:cooperative.com/pacdonation">cooperative.com/pacdonation</a> or contact <a href="mailto:amy.lewis@nreca.coop">amy.lewis@nreca.coop</a>.

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#### **TUESDAY 10/07**

7:30am - 8:30am

#### **NETWORKING**

CEO Breakfast

### By Invitation Only

7:30am - 9:00am

Breakfast on Own

7:30am - 4:30pm

Registration

8:40am - 8:50am

#### **MEMBER RESOLUTIONS**

Region 7 Nominating Committee Meeting

8:40am - 8:50am

#### **MEMBER RESOLUTIONS**

Region 9 Nominating Committee Meeting

9:00am - 10:30am

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

**Opening General Session** 

Jim Matheson, CEO, NRECA
Jim Robb, President and CEO, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
Ashley Slater, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, NRECA

#### Call to Order

#### **Welcome CEO Address**

#### **Keynote Address**

Hear from NERC as they provide a unique perspective on the practical realities of keeping the lights on as demand for power increases, and the evolving landscape co-ops must navigate amid policy changes, technology advancements, and market forces.

#### What Federal Regulations Mean for Co-ops Now

The federal regulatory environment is evolving at a rapid pace—sometimes shifting by the hour. New rulemakings, court decisions, and agency actions are reshaping the way electric cooperatives operate, from power plant regulations to grid reliability standards. With high stakes and increasing complexity, staying informed is more critical than ever. In this session, the NRECA government relations team will cut through the noise to provide a clear update on the most consequential federal actions affecting electric co-ops today. Get the latest insights on EPA, FERC, DOE, and more—and learn how cooperatives are working together to advocate for practical, sustainable outcomes.

#### **Proposed Resolutions Briefing**

This session will help prepare you to participate in the afternoon's Regional Resolutions Committee meeting by providing a briefing on the 2025 Compendium of Proposed Resolutions.

#### Featured Speakers



Jim Matheson



**Ashley Slater** 



Jim Robb

10:30am - 11:00am

#### **NETWORKING**

**Networking Break** 

### Sponsored by



10:45am - 11:30am

**CFC District Meeting** 

11:45am - 1:00pm

#### **NETWORKING**

Regionals Luncheon with Address by Andrew Don

Andrew Don, CEO, CFC

### Sponsored by



National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation

1:15pm - 2:15pm

#### **BREAKOUT**

Under Fire: Wildfires, Grid Reliability, and the Co-op Response

Lauren Khair, Senior Director, Energy Research & Resilience, Business and Technology Strategies, NRECA Megan Olmstead, Regulatory Affairs Director, Government Relations, NRECA

With wildfire seasons growing longer, hotter, and more destructive, electric cooperatives are on the front lines—protecting systems, maintaining reliability, and supporting communities through crisis. Wildfire risk is no longer a localized issue; it has become a national reliability challenge with significant operational, financial, and policy implications. This session will explore how co-ops are adapting to escalating wildfire threats, including strategies for vegetation management, system hardening, emergency response, and load-shedding protocols enhanced by advanced technology. We'll also examine how regulators, insurers, and policymakers are responding—highlighting the impact on co-ops navigating rising risks and increasing accountability.

Whether your co-op is in a high-risk zone or preparing for future challenges, this session will provide actionable strategies, lessons learned, and essential questions every co-op leader should be asking today.

1:15pm - 2:15pm

#### **BREAKOUT**

Leading the Charge: Regional Impact Through Political Engagement

Kelly Cushman, Vice President, Political Programs, NRECA

Public policy decisions at the state and federal levels are shaping the future of electric cooperatives and the communities they serve. For co-op leaders, fostering a strong culture of political engagement isn't just beneficial—it's essential. This session takes a regional approach, analyzing how co-ops in your state are performing in PAC participation, mobilizing VCP advocates and leveraging grasstops outreach. By diving into key data, we'll identify strengths, opportunities and comparisons with other regions, equipping you to lead with impact.

Discover how effective advocacy influences the policies that matter most to your members. Learn how sharing your co-op's unique story can strengthen relationships with policymakers and amplify your voice. We'll also explore strategies to maximize PAC participation, grasstops engagement and other advocacy tools to drive meaningful policy outcomes.

Whether your co-op is leading the charge in political engagement or looking to enhance its influence, this session will provide insights, success stories and practical strategies to help shape the policies that shape your future.

2:30pm - 4:00pm

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

General Session 2

Jeffrey Connor, COO, NRECA
Phil Irwin, President & CEO, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange
Martin Littrel, President/CEO, Meade County RECC
Mike Partin, CEO, Sequachee Valley Electric Co-op & NRECA Board President

#### President's Address

**Regional Awards** 

Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange Update

**Spotlight on Safety** 

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

#### Industry Breakthroughs and Their Impact on Your Cooperative

Discover how cooperatives in your region have leveraged a recent development to strengthen their operations and drive impact. Learn firsthand how these changes shaped their success and gain valuable insights into strategies that can position other co-ops for future growth. Walk away with real-world examples of victories from electric cooperatives that can inspire and guide your own path forward.

#### Featured Speakers







**Martin Littrel** 



Mike Partin



**Phil Irwin** 

4:15pm - 5:00pm

#### **MEMBER RESOLUTIONS**

Regions 7&9 Resolutions Committee Meeting

For NRECA Voting Members Only

Join the Regional Resolutions Committee meeting to explore the Compendium of Proposed Resolutions—a collection of resolutions advanced by the National Resolutions Committee, along with amendments and additional proposals from past Regional Meetings.

The Regional Resolutions Committee meeting is your opportunity to learn more about the Compendium of Proposed Resolutions—a compilation of the proposed resolutions forwarded by the National Resolutions Committee and any additional resolutions or amendments from prior Regional Meetings. Audience members are encouraged to ask questions, and gain insights into the resolutions shaping cooperative policy. Voting members are invited to submit new resolutions sponsored by their cooperative's board or statewide association for committee consideration.

5:30pm - 7:00pm

#### **NETWORKING**

Welcome Reception

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#### WEDNESDAY 10/08

7:30am - 9:00am

#### **NETWORKING**

Breakfast

7:30am - 10:30am

Registration

9:15am - 10:45am

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

Closing General Session

Pat Mangan, Sr Principal, Governance Education, NRECA

Cale McCall, Youth Program Manager, Event Education and Programming, NRECA

Meredith Miller, Principal Data Scientist, NRECA

Ryan Newlon, Principal, Cybersecurity Solutions, NRECA

#### Investing in the Future: Youth Tour & Youth Leadership Council

Discover how NRECA youth programs are shaping the next generation of cooperative leaders, fostering engagement and commitment to the co-op mission. Hear firsthand stories from program alumni and see how these experiences strengthen leadership pipelines, empowering young professionals to carry the cooperative legacy forward.

#### Cyber Risk and Co-op Governance: A New Tool for Smarter Decision-Making

Cybersecurity is an increasingly critical business risk—and a growing responsibility for cooperative boards. This session introduces a powerful new tool, developed in partnership with DeNexus, to help quantify cybersecurity's impact on enterprise risk. By removing uncertainty, directors can shift from reactive approaches to integrating cybersecurity into long-term business strategy.

While cybersecurity investments don't always present a clear ROI, risk quantification provides the missing link. It supports stronger governance, justifies hard-to-measure costs, and enables data-driven decisions that enhance a co-op's overall cyber posture.

#### Governance Talk Live! Handling the Large Load: Governance Considerations for Data Centers, Manufacturing and Crypto

As large commercial loads become more common, cooperatives must be ready to make informed decisions—before the opportunity or challenge arises. This session delves into critical governance factors, including who should be involved in the decision-making process, what key questions boards should consider in advance, and how to effectively manage risk, infrastructure demands, and cost responsibilities. Gain valuable insight from real co-op experiences and take away practical strategies to guide your board's approach.

#### Featured Speakers



Cale McCall



Pat Mangan



**Ryan Newlon** 



**Meredith Miller** 

11:00am - 11:45am

#### **MEMBER RESOLUTIONS**

Region 7 Business Meeting

11:00am - 11:45am

#### **MEMBER RESOLUTIONS**

Region 9 Business Meeting

### Winter School for Directors

# December 12 - 16, 2025 | Nashville, TN

# Schedule

Schedule subject to change.

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#### **FRIDAY 12/12**

7:00am - 8:00am

**BREAKFAST** 

Breakfast

7:00am - 4:00pm

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **CREDENTIALED COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR (CCD)**

2600 Director Duties and Liabilities

Boards are entrusted with guiding the affairs of the cooperative, and that responsibility carries important legal and ethical obligations. This session explores the core duties of loyalty, obedience, and due care, emphasizing the importance of directors acquiring the foundational knowledge and skills needed to fulfill their roles effectively within the cooperative framework.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

908.1 Political Engagement for Directors

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

925.1 Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues

The evolving structure of the U.S. electric industry has led to increased scrutiny from both consumers and regulators. In response, many electric cooperatives are facing new challenges that require their bylaws to address emerging issues such as shifting membership dynamics, "large load" exceptions to state territorial laws, diversified service offerings, distributed generation, and changes in state or federal regulations.

This session will support directors, CEOs, and cooperative agents in conducting a thorough review of their bylaws and will explore the implications these developments may have for future revisions.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

965.1 Electric Vehicles: Strategy and Policy Consideration

Electric vehicles (EVs) are gaining momentum both globally and across the United States, driven by rising sales, a growing variety of models, and widespread media coverage. Within the electric cooperative industry, EVs are increasingly part of strategic planning discussions and boardroom conversations, with many cooperatives now owning at least one EV.

This session is designed to equip directors with the insights needed to make informed strategy and policy decisions about EVs and their potential impact on cooperative operations and member engagement.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

975.1 Capital Credits Issues and Decisions

Adopting and implementing a capital credits policy is a core responsibility of a cooperative's board of directors and management. As elected representatives of the membership, directors must have a thorough understanding of the policy and be prepared to clearly explain its purpose, rationale, and implementation to members who have questions.

Join this session to strengthen your grasp of capital credits and gain the confidence to communicate your co-op's policy with clarity and credibility.

11:30am - 1:00pm

#### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

Lunch on Your Own

#### **SATURDAY 12/13**

7:00am - 8:00am

#### **BREAKFAST**

Breakfast

7:00am - 4:00pm

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

926.1 Navigating in the Era of Uncertainty

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

929.1 Current Governance Issues in Policy Development

Effective governance begins with clear, purposeful policies. This course repositions policy not just as procedure—but as a proactive leadership tool that sets expectations, drives accountability, and strengthens boardroom performance.

Designed to help co-op directors lead with confidence and clarity, the course revisits core governance principles while exploring how well-crafted policies reinforce board effectiveness. Participants will engage in dynamic discussions around today's most pressing issues facing rural cooperatives —from evolving member needs to regulatory shifts—and examine sample policies that align with and support strategic oversight in real-world contexts.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

935.1 Appraising and Compensating the CEO

A cooperative board holds a critical responsibility: fairly and effectively evaluating and compensating its chief executive officer. Appraisal involves using established performance metrics to assess the CEO's leadership and impact. Compensation builds on that appraisal to develop a structured salary range and approve appropriate compensation.

This course equips directors to carry out these duties with transparency and confidence—laying the groundwork for a strong, respectful, and enduring relationship between the board and its CEO.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

988.1 The Board's Role in Safety

Creating and nurturing a strong safety culture is the top priority for every electric cooperative board. In close partnership with the CEO, board members must provide vigilant oversight of safety performance—continually reinforcing the organization's commitment to safety from the top down.

Yet, many boards struggle to strike the right balance between guiding safety outcomes and staying appropriately distanced from day-to-day operations. This course empowers distribution cooperative boards to find that equilibrium while effectively fulfilling their oversight responsibilities.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

901.1 Basic Parliamentary Procedure for Directors

This session offers a practical overview of parliamentary procedure to help directors participate more effectively in board meetings. Participants will explore the purpose and benefits of formal meeting protocols, gain familiarity with the core principles of Robert's Rules of Order, and learn how structured procedures contribute to more focused, fair, and efficient decision-making.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **CREDENTIALED COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR (CCD)**

2620 Board Operations and Process

The board of directors is responsible for overseeing the affairs of the cooperative, with official actions typically taken by majority vote during properly convened meetings. This session examines the legal requirements for conducting board meetings and explores the human dynamics and group processes that contribute to productive, effective decision-making.

11:30am - 1:00pm

#### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

Lunch on Your Own

#### **SUNDAY 12/14**

7:00am - 8:00am

#### **BREAKFAST**

Breakfast

7:00am - 4:00pm

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **CREDENTIALED COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR (CCD)**

2640 Financial Decision Making

Strong financial oversight is essential to effective board leadership. This course equips directors with the tools to evaluate their cooperative's financial position through core financial statements and key performance ratios used in planning and reporting.

Participants will also explore how board decisions—on everything from budgeting to strategic investment—directly shape the financial health of their organization.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

903.1 The Role of the Board Chair in Conducting Effective Meetings

Effective leadership at the board level begins with strong meeting management. As the board chair, responsibilities include structuring meetings, fostering open and respectful dialogue, guiding deliberations toward clear decisions, and ensuring the cooperative continues to advance its mission.

This interactive course is designed to equip board chairs with essential skills for presiding over productive meetings. Participants will engage in hands-on activities that simulate common challenges and practice strategies to navigate them with confidence. The material will be presented in a practical framework in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

919.1 Cooperative Structure: A Strategic Advantage

In an energy landscape marked by volatility and rapid transformation, the cooperative business model stands out as a strategic asset for electric coops. When co-ops remain true to their purpose and operate according to cooperative principles and values, they unlock the potential to elevate their members' quality of life in meaningful ways.

This course empowers directors to embrace the full value of the cooperative structure. Through a deeper understanding of its guiding principles, participants will learn how to apply cooperative ideals to decision-making, strategy, and governance—turning values into a vehicle for long-term member success.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

921.1 Risk Oversight: The Board's Role in Risk Management

Electric cooperative boards today face a complex and unprecedented risk landscape. From financial volatility and regulatory shifts to cybersecurity threats, evolving technologies, demographic changes, and the growing influence of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors—directors must be equipped to navigate it all.

This course delivers essential principles and actionable tools to strengthen your cooperative's risk oversight, including risk processes tailored to the unique structure and mission of electric cooperatives. Through engaging discussions and co-op-specific case studies, learn to lead with clarity and resilience and explore the distinct roles of boards and management in recognizing, evaluating, and mitigating risk.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

926.1 Navigating in the Era of Uncertainty

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

928.1 Artificial Intelligence and Electric Cooperatives

Artificial intelligence is revolutionizing the electric industry—and cooperatives are no exception. From streamlining the analysis of large-scale meter data to boosting system reliability and enhancing member experience, AI is accelerating core functions and opening new possibilities.

This course equips electric cooperative directors with a foundational grasp of AI—its terminology, practical applications, strategic value, and potential impact on their organization. Participants will gain the confidence to engage in informed boardroom discussions and assess whether this rapidly evolving technology belongs in their cooperative's future.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

960.1 Value of the Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Relationship

In today's rapidly shifting electric industry, directors and CEOs—especially those appointed to serve on Generation & Transmission (G&T) boards—must bring a broad, informed perspective to the table. This session is designed to empower all cooperative leaders with a deeper understanding of the challenges, risks, and strategic responsibilities that G&T boards navigate to deliver reliable and cost-effective power to their member systems.

Through fast-paced and interactive discussions, participants will explore the distinct oversight duties of G&T boards and how they differ from those of distribution boards. This is a must-attend opportunity to strengthen your leadership role and ensure your boardroom decisions are grounded in industry insight and cooperative impact.

Course Fee \$715

11:30am - 1:00pm

#### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

Lunch on Your Own

#### **MONDAY 12/15**

7:00am - 8:00am

**BREAKFAST** 

Breakfast

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### CREDENTIALED COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR (CCD)

2610 Understanding the Electric Business

To govern effectively, directors of electric distribution cooperatives must grasp the evolving operational landscape. This course offers a strategic overview of the key challenges electric co-ops face.

Through practical frameworks and decision-making tools, participants will strengthen their ability to exercise due diligence and contribute meaningfully to boardroom discussions on operational issues.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

913.1 Cooperative Fundamentals, Legacy and Economic Impact

Successful leadership in cooperatives starts with understanding what makes them fundamentally different. This course empowers directors to lead with purpose at the core—placing people and community over profit.

Participants will dive into the values and principles that define the cooperative business model, uncovering how these foundational elements create long-term advantages in today's competitive landscape.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

950.1 Practical Communication Strategies for Directors

Clear, confident communication is essential to effective board governance. This course equips directors with the tools to navigate boardroom dynamics through impactful face-to-face interactions, strong preparation, and skilled active listening.

By drawing on real-world scenarios, explore how to apply critical soft skills—like empathy—to foster trust, encourage collaboration, and enhance decision-making.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

955.1 Your Board's Culture: Its Impact on Effectiveness

Every boardroom has a culture — whether intentional or accidental. From strong and collaborative to fragmented or conflicted, these underlying norms and values shape how decisions are made and how effectively the board governs. Even when logical procedures are in place, a misaligned culture can hinder meaningful discussion, strategic deliberation, and thoughtful decision-making.

This session helps directors recognize the influence of boardroom culture on performance. Learn how to assess your current environment, uncover cultural blind spots, and build the foundation for a healthier, more effective governance dynamic.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

976.1 Power Supply Decision Making

Generation and transmission investment decisions are central to a G&T's duty to serve its distribution cooperative members. From coal-fired generation, which often began with lower capital costs but demanded ongoing investment due to shifting emissions regulations, to nuclear generation, marked by massive upfront costs shaped by evolving laws, prolonged construction, and high interest rates — each path was shaped by strategic foresight. And as today's energy landscape becomes increasingly uncertain, future investments will require the same level of vision, planning, and purpose.

This course equips directors to navigate the complexities of those decisions — past, present, and future — with greater clarity and confidence. Join us to better understand your governance role in ensuring wise, forward-looking generation and transmission decisions.

Course Fee \$715

11:30am - 1:00pm

#### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

Lunch on Your Own

#### **TUESDAY 12/16**

7:00am - 8:00am

**BREAKFAST** 

Breakfast

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

2630 Strategic Planning

The long-term health of your cooperative rests squarely in the hands of the board. As stewards of its future, directors must be equipped to think strategically, set meaningful goals, and allocate resources effectively. That means understanding financial policy, budget review, and ongoing performance monitoring — all essential parts of advancing the organization's mission.

This session is designed to strengthen your ability to lead in these areas. Learn how to participate actively in strategic planning, sharpen your oversight, and ensure the organization stays on course toward its vision.

Course Fee \$715

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

927.1 Cybersecurity: The Board's Oversight Role

As cyber threats accelerate and digitization reshapes our industry, electric cooperative boards face a critical challenge—balancing innovation with risk. With members expecting reliable service and seamless digital engagement, your leadership in cybersecurity is more vital than ever.

This session equips directors with the insights and tools to navigate complex decisions around cyber risk. Learn how to work alongside your CEO and management team to evaluate risk tolerance, protect cooperative assets, and drive digital transformation responsibly.

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

937.1 Applying Emotional Intelligence in the Boardroom

Emotional intelligence isn't just a personal asset—it's a boardroom advantage. Like any skill, it can be sharpened with training and deliberate practice. This session dives into the four core competencies of emotional intelligence:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness & empathy
- Relationship management

Join fellow directors in developing these essential skills to build stronger connections with peers and your CEO, navigate boardroom dynamics with greater emotional agility and elevate your leadership impact. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your insight and lead with greater confidence and emotional clarity.

Course Fee \$815

8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC)**

974.1 Rate Making Strategies and Policy Decisions for Electric Cooperative Boards

The rate-making process is often described as both an art and a science — blending rigorous mathematical analysis with thoughtful judgment and experience, and a deep understanding of organizational dynamics and member needs. And in today's challenging landscape—marked by rising costs, flat or declining sales and shifting member expectations—Boards of Directors, CEOs, and staff face mounting pressure to design fair, sustainable rate structures that support financial objectives, satisfy lender requirements and uphold reliability and service standards.

In this session, sharpen the strategic insight and practical tools needed to lead rate-making decisions with clarity and confidence. Engage with peers, expand your perspective and dive into the pressing challenges that demand your leadership.

Course Fee \$715

11:30am - 1:00pm

#### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

Lunch on Your Own

## CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

Tuesday and Wednesday August 26 – 27, 2025 8:30 a.m.

#### REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Recording Secretary: Heather Slocum

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wiggin called the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage, Alaska.

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wiggin lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mark Wiggin, Chair

Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary – arrived at 11:12 a.m.

Rachel Morse, Treasurer

Dan Rogers, Director

Jim Nordlund, Director

Katherine Jernstrom, Director

## Guests and Staff Attendance Present:

Arthur Miller	Stephanie Huddell	Samantha Owen, McMillen
Matt Clarkson	son Kate Ayers Sean Ellens	
Sherri Highers	Taylor Asher	Julianne Rosset, McMillen
Andrew Laughlin	Dan Herrmann	Joel Groves, Polarconsult
Allan Rudeck, Jr.	Bart Armfield	Alaska
Katie Millen	Buddi Richey	Ryan McLaughlin, AEA
Trish Baker	Heather Slocum	Jim Mendenhall, AEA
Julie Hasquet	Mark Schneider, CFC	Bryan Carey, AEA
Dustin Highers	Ann Shankroff, CFC	Consultant
Mike Miller		Nat Herz, Member

# C. Safety Minute – BP Energy Center Safety Briefing Matt Clarkson, Chief Legal Officer, gave a safety briefing of the BP Energy Center.

## D. Electric Power Factoid – Fleet Management

Steve Nawa, Manager, Fleet and Warehouse, presented on fleet management and answered questions from the Board.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion to approve the agenda with amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Fleek-Green was not present at time of vote.

## III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (NONE)

Director Fleek-Green arrived at 11:12 a.m.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Calendar
- B. Training Conferences
  - 1. APA Annual Meeting, September 23-26, 2025, Cordova, AK
  - 2. NRECA Region 7 & 9 Meeting, October 6-8, 2025, Bellevue, WA
- C. Minutes
  - 1. June 25, 2025, Amended Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Cacy)
  - 2. July 30, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Slocum)
- D. Director Expenses

Director Expenses were provided in the Board Packet.

Director Cooper moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introductions and Opening Comments (Wiggin/Schneider)
  Mark Wiggin, Chair, and Mark Scneider, CFC, provided introductions and opening comments.
- B. Renewables
  - 1. Decarbonization Roadmap (D. Highers/Schneider)

Dustin Highers, VP, Corporate Programs, presented the Decarbonization Roadmap and answered questions from the Board.

2. Dixon Diversion (Carey/McLaughlin/Mendenhall)

Ryan McLaughlin and Jim Mendenhall, AEA, and Bryan Carey, AEA Consultant, presented on the Dixon Diversion project and answered questions from the Board.

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION\*

- A. Renewables
  - 1. Hydroelectric Power Options in Southcentral Alaska (Ellenson/Owen)
- B. Strategic Plan Overview (Wiggin/Miller/Schneider)

Director Morse moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1) and (3), the Board of Directors go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; and 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

#### VII. RECESS

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m.

#### VIII. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened in Executive Session on August 27, 2025, at 8:40 a.m. at the BP Energy Center, Anchorage Alaska.

#### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONT.

- A. Gas Supply and Storage (Rudeck/Herrmann/Armfield)
- B. Revenue Growth Strategies (Schneider)
- C. Visioning for Chugach's Future (Schneider)
- D. Wrap-Up (Schneider)

The meeting reconvened in open session at 2:53 p.m.

#### X. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Board Committee Reports (Audit & Finance, Operations, and Governance)
Director Jernstrom reported that the Governance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting, and the next Governance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2025.

Director Morse reported on the Audit & Finance Committee meeting held on August 20, 2025. Director Cooper was elected as Vice-chair of the committee.

Director Nordlund reported on the Operations Committee meeting on August 13, 2025.

- B. Other Meeting Reports
- 1. Strategic Planning, Executive Session Recap

Chair Wiggin recapped the topics from Executive Session for the public record.

## XI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Community Outreach (Hasquet)

Julie Hasquet, Sr. Manager Corporate Communications reported on community outreach activities and answered questions from the Board.

B. Eklutna Update (Laughlin/Clarkson/Hasquet)

No report – topic postponed.

C. Rate Case and Cents of Community (Clarkson)\*

Matt Clarkson, Chief Legal Officer, updated the Board on the Rate Case and the Cents of Community program and answered questions from the Board.

#### XII. NEW BUSINESS

Recess (10 Minutes)

- A. Economic Dispatch (Laughlin/M. Miller/Schneider) No report – topic postponed.
- B. Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees\* (Nordlund/Rogers/Fleek/Green)

Director Nordlund summarized the process for the creation of the Cents of Community Chugach Foundation and answered questions from the Board.

Director Nordlund moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion that the Chugach Board of Directors appoint the following candidates to serve staggered four-year terms on the Chugach Foundation Board of Trustees beginning October 1, 2025: Jean Sauget and Irene Tresser to serve for one year, Bil Popp and Selma Khan to serve for two years, Katie Conway and Marnie Isaacs to serve for three years, and Rebecca Garrett to serve for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Hydroelectric Power Options in Southcentral Alaska (Ellenson/Owen)
Sean Ellenson, McMillen, and Samantha Owen, McMillen, presented hydroelectric power options in Southcentral Alaska and answered questions from the Board.

#### XIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director comments were made at this time.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:10 p.m. Director Cooper moved, and Director Fleek-Green seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary Date Approved: September 17, 2025

# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**September 17, 2025** 

<b>ACTIO</b>	<u>ON REQUIRED</u>	AGENDA ITEM NO. V. D.
	Information Only	
X	Motion	
	Resolution	
	<b>Executive Session</b>	
	Other	

#### **TOPIC**

**Board Policy Updates** 

## **DISCUSSION**

The Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach or Association) Board of Directors establishes board policies that govern the direction of the Association, including governance, operations, finance, human resources, and strategic planning. The policies are designed to ensure that the Association operates effectively, ethically, and in accordance with its mission and values. The policies support and complement the Bylaws.

Chugach continues to review its Board Policies and is proposing revisions to the following policies:

- 1. BP 103 Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
- 2. BP 106 Director Duties and Standards of Conduct
- 3. BP 206 Statement of Functions of the Operations Committee
- 4. BP 208 Statement of Functions of the Governance Committee

A summary of the proposed changes to each policy is provided in Attachment I. Attachment II includes the proposed updated Board Policies, presented in both redline and clean versions.

On September 10, 2025, the Governance Committee recommended the Chugach Board of Directors approve the modifications to Board Policies 103, 106, 206, and 208 as presented.

#### **MOTION**

Consent Agenda

## Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska

## Attachment I: Summary of Modifications to Board Policies 103, 106, 206, and 208

#### 1. Board Policy 103 – Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- Changed the responsibility for conducting the annual performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer from the Operations Committee to the Governance Committee.
- Updated the deadline for the written performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer from the prior requirement to complete the evaluation on or before the first Board meeting in April to align with the performance cycle timeline identified in the Chief Executive Officer's Executive Employment Agreement.

#### 2. Board Policy 106 – Director Duties and Standards of Conduct

- Added new requirement for conducting orientation with newly elected Board members within 30 days following Chugach's annual meeting.
- Added new provision for presenting an overview of the Association's fiduciary duties, Code of Ethics, and Conflict of Interest policies to the full Board of Directors within 45 days of the annual meeting, during a Regular Board meeting.
- Minor formatting edits.

### 3. Board Policy 206 – Statement of Functions of the Operations Committee

• Removed the responsibility of conducting the annual performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer from the duties of the Operations Committee.

#### 4. Board Policy 208 – Statement of Functions of the Governance Committee

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- Added language to the duties and responsibilities to include providing recommendations on operational, performance, and strategic initiatives.

## Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska

Attachment II: Proposed Updated Board Policies

**BOARD POLICY: 103** 

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## I. <u>OBJECTIVE</u>

To describe the major duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors ("Board"). The Board of Directors is tasked with the management of the business and affairs of the Association. All of the powers of the Association are conferred upon and may be exercised by the Board of Directors, except as reserved to or conferred upon the members by law, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws. It is the purpose of this Policy to enumerate the major duties and responsibilities of the Board.

#### II. CONTENT

Full compliance with this Policy is mandatory and Directors are expected to foster a culture of transparency, integrity, and honesty.

## A. General duties and responsibilities of the Board are as follows:

- 1. Ensure that the legal requirements, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and regulations applicable to the Association are complied with including, but not necessarily limited to:
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  - b. The Indenture of Trust and other loan covenants, loan agreements and financing agreements.
  - c. Requirements of federal and State regulatory agencies and commissions with jurisdiction over the Association's activities.
- 2. Select and employ a competent Chief Executive Officer and delegate to him or her, the complete responsibility and authority to select and direct employed personnel and to terminate employment if such action becomes necessary, within the limitations of Association policy, procedures and collective bargaining agreements.
- 3. The Board Chair shall be responsible for ensuring that the performance of the Chief Executive Officer is evaluated each year by the Board Governance Committee and that a written report to the full Board is provided consistent with the performance cycle timeline identified in the Chief Executive Officer's Executive Employment Agreement on the results of such evaluation.

The evaluation is to include a recommendation on salary adjustment when appropriate. Once reviewed and approved by the Board, the results of such evaluation are to be provided to and discussed with the Chief Executive Officer.

- 4. Hold well-planned and effectively conducted Board Meetings in a timely manner sufficiently often to stay well-informed about Association matters; to provide policy guidance; and, to take action on Association business as necessary and appropriate. The preliminary agenda for such meetings shall be developed by the Board Chair in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer. The agenda should be transmitted to Board Members in advance of the Board Meeting with sufficient supporting information to facilitate the decision-making process.
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- 7. Authorize the funds, facilities, equipment, and human resources necessary to carry out the mission and objectives of the Association.
- 8. Establish committees when necessary.
- 9. Through the Chair, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Committee Chair, refer matters to committees for examination and investigation, receive reports from those committees and take appropriate action as a result of such reports; provided that referral of a matter to a committee will not preclude the Board from taking action on that matter.
- 10. Select and appoint Board Counsel, as required.
- 11. Arrange periodically for an evaluation of Board performance and for a systematic program to keep the Board informed and educated about the Association's business and operations.
- 12. Periodically review this Board policy regarding the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Board and review the Association's objectives and goals, as recommended by the Chief Executive Officer and the strategy to achieve those objectives and goals.

- B. <u>Financial duties and responsibilities of the Board are as follows:</u>
  - 1. Ensure the fiscal soundness of the organization.
  - 2. Review the Association's financial statements.
  - 3. Review the consolidated operating and capital budgets as recommended by the Chief Executive Officer including all budget revisions. Approve the operating and capital budgets, and budget revisions greater than \$1,000,000.
  - 4. Review on an annual basis, the long-range financial forecasts to determine the financial needs of the Association and how they will be met.
  - 5. Review staff recommendations on financial policies and practices and review sources and strategies for financing.
  - 6. Protect the assets of the Association through appropriate risk management policies and coverages and by ensuring that lending covenants are met or exceeded.
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- A. The Board may delegate any or all of these responsibilities to a committee of the Board or Chief Executive Officer as long as such action is not inconsistent with the Association's Bylaws or other legal requirements.
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Date Approved: September 17, 2025	Attested:	
-	Susanne Fleek-Green	
	Secretary of the Board	

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## III. <u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

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Date Approved: September March 1727, 20245	Attested:	
	Susanne Fleek-Green	
	Secretary of the Board	

**BOARD POLICY: 106** 

#### DIRECTOR DUTIES AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

## I. OBJECTIVE

To describe and set forth the fiduciary duties of Directors, to clarify the standards of conduct for which Directors will be held accountable when serving on the Board, and to define prohibited conduct for the Directors.

## II. <u>CONTENT</u>

- A. <u>Directors are subject to legal standards of fiduciary responsibility</u>. These include the duties of care and loyalty.
  - 1. Under the duty of care, Directors are required to:
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    - b. Have or acquire the minimum knowledge and skills necessary to direct the affairs of the Association.
    - c. Make every effort to attend all applicable meetings of the Board or Board committee and to study materials sent prior to each Board or committee meeting.
    - d. Study and adhere to all obligations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, contractual agreements, and Board Policies.
  - 2. Under the duty of loyalty, Directors are required to:
    - a. Elevate the best interests of the Association and its members over any personal interests.
    - b. Maintain undivided loyalty to the Association, which requires that there be no conflict between duty and self-interest.
    - c. Refrain from using their position of trust and confidence with the Association to further private interests.
    - d. Exert all reasonable and lawful efforts to ensure that the Association is not deprived of any advantage to which it is entitled.

B. <u>Directors must act in good faith</u>. Every Director in expressing his or her views, questions, concerns, positions, and activities relating to Association policies, rates, charges, programs, etc., shall be given the benefit of the assumption that the Director is pursuing the best interests of the Association. In turn, good faith requires that:

1. Directors reveal all information or interests which they may have that may bear upon action being considered by the Board or management;

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- 2. Directors not pursue a position, inquiry, recommendation or motion for the purpose of unduly harassing or annoying another Director or member of management during a Board or committee meeting or during outside meetings;
- 3. Directors not exercise any special privilege that is not available to the general membership unless in a Board or committee meeting, or while acting upon authority delegated by the whole Board; and
- 4. Directors' communications with employees other than management, if made at all, shall be casual and conducted on a friendly and courteous basis and not for the purpose of influencing an employee's position or attitude concerning Association-related activities, or concerning such activities or the employment positions of other Association employees, or seeking Association information or data.

## C. <u>Directors shall act only through the Board.</u>

- 1. The Board recognizes that should any Director undertake in private conversation with others to make commitments for the Board of Directors, unless directed officially by the Board, that Director becomes involved in a serious breach of policy that might disrupt the entire organization. The Director shall be subject to reprimand from fellow Directors should a Director attempt to make commitments unofficially for the Board.
- 2. The Directors shall refrain as individuals from discussing management and personnel problems with personnel of the Association. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, may confer with key personnel at regular or special meetings of the Board.
- 3. The "flow" of authority for the management of the Association shall be through the Board of Directors to the Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors shall require full, complete and timely information from the Chief Executive Officer concerning pertinent matters in connection with the management of the Association as set forth in Board Policies.
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Executive Officer and the Board Chair will consider any such proposal as a possible item of new business for regular Board meetings. For Committee meetings, the Chair of the Committee will consider any such proposal in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

E. <u>Directors shall comply with the Association's Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Board policies, and applicable local, state and federal laws.</u>

Within 30 days following Chugach's Annual Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, along with designated senior executive management, shall conduct an orientation session for all newly elected Board members. At a minimum, this session will provide:

- 1. An overview of the Association's key initiatives and strategic priorities;
- 2. A review of the electric cooperative governance structure;
- 3. A summary of relevant Board policies and procedures; and
- 4. Information on Board member education and certifications, including but not limited to opportunities offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Alaska Power Association.

In addition, the Board Chair, or their designee(s), shall assist new Board members in developing a broader understanding of the Association as outlined in Board Policy 103. This includes clarifying the basic responsibilities and duties of Board service and arranging training on the Association's objectives, plans, policies, operations, and programs.

Within 45 days following the Annual Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, shall provide the Board with an overview of the Association's fiduciary responsibilities, Code of Ethics, and Conflict of Interest policies during a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

- F. <u>Directors shall comply with Board Policy 605, Request for Association</u> Information. A Director shall not:
  - 1. Use Association information in any manner that is not in the best interests of the Association;
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  - 4. Keep the Board and management fully informed of all significant Entity activities.

#### H. Media and Public Statements.

- 1. Any Director may speak with the media on behalf of the Association only if he or she has been designated as an Association media spokesperson on the topic or issue.
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#### I. Prohibited Conduct.

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## J. Enforcement.

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## III. <u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

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C. Any Director whose conduct violates section II.I of this Policy may be subject to removal pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(c) or Section 7 of the Association's Bylaws.

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  - 1. Directors reveal all information or interests which they may have that may bear upon action being considered by the Board or management;
  - 2. Directors not pursue a position, inquiry, recommendation or motion for the purpose of unduly harassing or annoying another Director or member of management during a Board or committee meeting or during outside meetings;
  - 3. Directors not exercise any special privilege that is not available to the general membership unless in a Board or committee meeting, or while acting upon authority delegated by the whole Board; and
  - 4. Directors' communications with employees other than management, if made at all, shall be casual and conducted on a friendly and courteous basis and not for the purpose of influencing an employee's position or attitude concerning Association-related activities, or concerning such activities or the employment positions of other Association employees, or seeking Association information or data.

## C. <u>Directors shall act only through the Board.</u>

- 1. The Board recognizes that should any Director undertake in private conversation with others to make commitments for the Board of Directors, unless directed officially by the Board, that Director becomes involved in a serious breach of policy that might disrupt the entire organization. The Director shall be subject to reprimand from fellow Directors should a Director attempt to make commitments unofficially for the Board.
- 2. The Directors shall refrain as individuals from discussing management and personnel problems with personnel of the Association. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, may confer with key personnel at regular or special meetings of the Board.
- 3. The "flow" of authority for the management of the Association shall be through the Board of Directors to the Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors shall require full, complete and timely information from the Chief Executive Officer concerning pertinent matters in connection with the management of the Association as set forth in Board Policies.
- <u>D.</u> <u>Director's initiatives for Board of Directors' meetings</u>. Any Director may propose a topic for discussion at an upcoming board meeting or committee meeting. The Chief

Executive Officer and the Board Chair will consider any such proposal as a possible item of new business for regular Board meetings. For Committee meetings, the Chair of the Committee will consider any such proposal in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

E. <u>Directors shall comply with the Association's Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Board policies, and applicable local, state and federal laws.</u>

Within 30 days following Chugach's Annual Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, along with designated senior executive management, shall conduct an orientation session for all newly elected Board members. At a minimum, this session will provide:

- 1. An overview of the Association's key initiatives and strategic priorities;
- 2. A review of the electric cooperative governance structure;
- 3. A summary of relevant Board policies and procedures; and
- 4. Information on Board member education and certifications, including but not limited to opportunities offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Alaska Power Association.

In addition, the Board Chair, or their designee(s), shall assist new Board members in developing a broader understanding of the Association as outlined in Board Policy 103. This includes clarifying the basic responsibilities and duties of Board service and arranging training on the Association's objectives, plans, policies, operations, and programs.

Within 45 days following the Annual Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, shall provide the Board with an overview of the Association's fiduciary responsibilities, Code of Ethics, and Conflict of Interest policies during a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

- F. <u>Directors shall comply with Board Policy 605</u>, Request for Association Information. A Director shall not:
  - 1. Use Association information in any manner that is not in the best interests of the Association;
  - 2. Individually conduct negotiations or make contacts or inquiries on behalf of the Association and/or the Board unless officially designated to do so;
  - 3. Disclose confidential Association information in violation of Board Policy 605, Requests for Association Information, and Board Policy 105, Confidential Information;

- 4. Directors shall comply with any Association policy, with any direction provided by the Chief Executive Office, and with applicable law with regard to any Confidential Information.
- G. <u>Director serving as Liaison or Representative.</u> Any Director appointed by the Board to serve as a Liaison or as a Representative of the Board to any member committee, trade or other organization, or to any third party or group (collectively, "Entity") shall:
  - 1. Act solely within the scope of any direction provided by the Board and/or by the Board Chair either by resolution or otherwise.
  - 2. Provide adequate notice of important matters coming before the Entity and meaningful opportunities to provide guidance to the Board and the Chief Executive Officer.
  - 3. Represent the Association's best interest in all votes taken by the Entity.
  - 4. Keep the Board and management fully informed of all significant Entity activities.

#### H. Media and Public Statements.

- 1. Any Director may speak with the media on behalf of the Association only if he or she has been designated as an Association media spokesperson on the topic or issue.
- 2. Subject to paragraph 1, a Director is encouraged to be an ambassador of the Association and, subject to rules regarding confidentiality, to promote the activities and actions of the Board with the Association's membership. In so doing, a Director must stay faithful to the intent of the Board as expressed in its official statements, and should not reinterpret or recharacterize the Board's actions to reflect the Director's own view. While having the right and responsibility to exercise independent judgment and to express dissenting opinions during Board deliberations, a Director also has the obligation outside the Boardroom to respect and support decisions of the majority, even when the Director dissented from the majority view. Provided that the limitations of this paragraph are honored, a Director may express personal views on any topic of public debate, which may include, generic discussion of matters of public policy involving the Association's activities. It is not a violation of this Policy for an incumbent Director, during the course of a campaign for re-election, to describe or explain that Director's voting record and to state positions on issues concerning the Association.

## I. Prohibited Conduct.

1. Directors of the Association are prohibited from:

- a. Receiving gifts, fees, loans, or favors from suppliers, contractors, consultants, financial houses, employees, or other Directors which may reasonably obligate or induce Directors to compromise their duties and responsibilities to negotiate, obligate, inspect, audit, purchase or consider, award, or authorize the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to enter into contracts in the best interests of the Association. Payment for a Director's meal for the purpose of discussing Association business matters is not prohibited if the cost or value of the meal is \$100.00 or less per person. This section does not prohibit Directors from receiving contributions to their campaigns for election to the Board of Directors in accordance with any policy or procedure established by the Board for such campaign contributions;
- b. Using Association information in any manner that is not in the best interests of the Association;
- c. Individually conducting negotiations or making contacts or inquiries on behalf of the Association and/or the Board of Directors unless officially designated to do so;
- d. Disclosing confidential Association information in violation of Board Policy 605, "Requests for Association Information" and Board Policy 105, "Confidential Information";
- e. Acquiring or having a financial interest in any Association property;
- f. Having a financial interest in a competing enterprise or being a supplier, contractor, consultant, or other entity with which the Association does business, except as provided in Article IV, Section 3(a)(4) of the Bylaws. Directors may own securities in a publicly-owned company unless ownership of such securities provides the Director with the ability to materially influence or affect the business relationship between the Association and such publicly-owned company;
- g. Having other interests in or relationships with an outside organization or individual having business dealings with the Association if the interest or relationship would impair the ability of the Director to serve the best interests of the Association.
- 2. Directors are also prohibited from being:
  - a. An employee of the Association;
  - b. An employee of a competing enterprise except as provided in Article IV, Section 3(a)(2) of the Bylaws;

- c. A member, officer, director or employee of any union local currently acting as a bargaining agent for Association employees;
- d. A person living in the same household with and financially interdependent with any person included in subparagraphs a. b. and c. of Section I.1. above;
- e. A member of a standing or ad hoc member committee as described in Article XV, Section 1 of the Association's Bylaws.

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## J. Enforcement.

- 1. The Board Chair is authorized to ensure compliance with this Policy. Any Director may request the review of actions taken by another Director by requesting a meeting with that Director and the Board Chair to discuss concerns.
- 2. If that discussion does not resolve the concern or if the compliance issue arises out of a potential breach of Board Policy 106, Section II.C, the Director questioning the action of another Director may deliver to each Director a notice, signed by at least two Directors, setting forth the charges against such other Director. The Director against whom the charges are brought shall be informed in writing of the charges at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Board. This meeting shall be presided over by the Board Chair unless he/she is the charged party or the charging party in which case the presiding officer shall be the Vice Chair. At such Board meeting and in the presence of the Director charged, the person or persons bringing the charges shall present evidence of non-compliance. The Director charged shall have an opportunity to present evidence in support of a defense to the charges. The Director may be disciplined or censured only by a 3/4ths majority vote of the entire Board, less the member charged, finding that the Director failed to comply with one or more Board Policies. Any such review of compliance undertaken by the Board and any action taken by the Board shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting at which such review occurred.
- 3. Disciplinary action under this section is in addition to the right of the membership to remove a Director.

#### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Each Director shall make every reasonable effort to adhere to this Policy.
- B. The Board Chair is responsible for bringing non-adherence with this Policy to the attention of Directors.

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C. Any Director whose conduct violates section II.I of this Policy may be subject to removal pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(c) or Section 7 of the Association's Bylaws.

D. The Association's Board of Directors shall be responsible for administration of this policy

Date Approved: September 17, 2025	Attested:	
		Susanne Fleek-Green
		Secretary of the Board

**BOARD POLICY: 206** 

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To state the functions of the Operations Committee. The purpose of the Operations Committee shall be to study, examine, and report on matters assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

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## III. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

- 1. The Committee shall be comprised of five Board members.
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Annually conduct the performance evaluation for the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Board Policy 702 and provide a written report to the Board of Directors detailing the results of such evaluation on or before the first Board meeting in April as required by Board Policy 103.

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#### CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

**BOARD POLICY: 208** 

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

#### I. <u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of the Governance Committee is to assist the Board of Directors by developing new or enhancing existing policies aimed at Board working relationships and examine the annual election process to determine if improvements can be made that would be beneficial to the Association.

Polices for improving working relationships and overall board functioning will address expected board behaviors that support group decisions and direction as determined by the Board. These polices will address both internal and external or public behavioral expectations. Polices will specifically describe appropriate communication guidelines for representation of the Association's business matters in the public.

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Annual election polices or recommendations for potential bylaw changes will be aimed at improving the continuity of the Board and minimizing the disruption of Board turnover.

The Governance Committee will fulfill the responsibilities as enumerated in Section III of this Policy.

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- 8. Recommend to the Board of Directors guidelines for attending meetings outside of the liaison role as well as training and conferences.
- 9. Review, on a regular schedule, the Board Policies and recommend any needed changes to the full Board.
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Date Approved: <u>September 170, 2025</u> <u>May 25, 2016</u>	Attested:					
D. 1.	Susanne Fleek-Green Bruce M.					
<del>Dougherty</del>	Secretary of the Board					

## CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

### REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**September 17, 2025** 

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#### **TOPIC**

Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation (Foundation) Policies.

#### **DISCUSSION**

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On May 19, 2023, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) membership passed bylaw amendment Article XII, Miscellaneous, Section 4. Utility Bill Round Up Program.

On November 20, 2024, the Chugach Board of Directors approved the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and for the Chief Executive Officer to form Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation (Foundation).

On December 11, 2024, The Chugach Board of Directors appointed Susanne Fleek-Green, Jim Nordlund, and Dan Rogers to serve as the initial directors (Trustees) of the Foundation.

On August 27, 2025, the Chugach Board of Directors selected Jean Sauget and Irene Tresser to one-year terms; Bill Popp and Selma Khan to two-year terms; Katie Conway and Marnie Isaacs to three-year terms; and Rebecca Garrett to a four-year term on the Chugach Foundation Board of Trustees, effective October 1, 2025.

On September 10, 2025, the Governance Committee reviewed the proposed policies for the Foundation and recommended the Chugach Board of Directors recommend the Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees approve and adopt the initial policy suite as presented, prior to the formal seating of the full Board of Trustees on October 1, 2025.

Prior to the formal seating of these Trustees, it is both prudent and in the best interest of Chugach and the Foundation for the initial Trustees to formally adopt a suite of foundation policies. These policies

will provide a framework for governance and offer clear guidance for implementation as the Foundation begins operations.

The attached policies are designed to promote transparency, enhance accountability, and ensure compliance with nonprofit best practices and legal standards. They support responsible governance, sound financial stewardship, and effective oversight of charitable programs. Each policy has been tailored to align with the Foundation's mission, its current organizational structure, and projected program growth.

These policies will serve as the foundation for all interactions among the Board, staff, and partners, and will be reviewed and updated regularly to support the Foundation's evolving role in the community.

#### **MOTION**

Consent Agenda

### CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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#### **TOPIC**

Board Liaison to the Member Advisory Council (MAC)

#### **DISCUSSION**

On May 25, 2016, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) Board of Directors (Board), in compliance with Article XIV of the Association's Bylaws, adopted Board Policy 601, Member Advisory Council (MAC). The purpose of Policy 601 is to establish a formal means for the members to advise the Board of Directors on topics requested by the Board in a scope of work, and otherwise to serve as a sounding board for the Boad in the evaluation of issues which affect the members.

The Board Chair may appoint a liaison to the Council from the Board of Directors either for a specific task or in general. The liaison shall be available to advise and assist the Council on issues of relevance.

Board Policy 106, Director Duties and Standards of Conduct, provides that a Director serving as a liaison or representative shall (i) act solely within the scope of any direction provided by the Board and/or by the Board Chair either by resolution or otherwise; (ii) provide adequate notice of important matters coming before the Entity and meaningful opportunities to provide guidance to the Board and the Chief Executive Officer; (iii) represent the Association's best interest in all votes taken by the Entity; and (iv) keep the Board and management fully informed of all significant Entity activities.

On December 11, 2024, Director Susanne Fleek-Green was appointed to serve as the liaison to the MAC for the January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, term.

On July 22, 2025, Director Fleek-Green formally requested to resign from this liaison appointment. At that time, Director Katherine Jernstrom indicated her willingness to assume the role through the remainder of the term.

On September 12, 2025, Board Chair Mark Wiggin appointed Director Jernstrom to serve as liaison to the MAC for the remainder of the term, expiring December 31, 2025.

#### **MOTION**

Consent Agenda

#### CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

# $\frac{\textbf{REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING}}{\textbf{AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY}}$

**September 17, 2025** 

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# Outreach Update

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting September 17, 2025



Trunk or Treat

Mark H. interview with public radio on heat pumps

Arthur interview with Alaska Center for Energy & Power

Eklutna tour – NWPPA Environmental Task Force

















September 9, 2025

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy Office of the Governor P.O. Box 110001 Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Eklutna Hydroelectric Project, Fish and Wildlife Program Implementation

#### Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Thank you again for approving the Proposed Final Fish and Wildlife Program with modifications last October. We appreciate the time you and your staff put into this decision. We are writing to update you on the progress of implementing the Final Program since your approval. Below is a summary of the Project Owners' efforts over the past several months.

#### Lakeside Trail Repairs

Per Section 2.5.1 of the Final Program, the Project Owners were required to provide a one-time payment of \$234,000 to Chugach State Park (or another entity as directed by Chugach State Park) by January 31, 2025, for lakeside trail repairs that address erosion-related Project impacts. This payment was made on January 30, 2025, as directed by Chugach State Park. Recent correspondence from the Chugach State Park Superintendent confirms that these repairs have been completed.

#### Monitoring and Adaptive Management Committee

Per Section 3.1 of the Final Program, a Monitoring and Adaptive Management Committee (Committee) must be established to execute the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan. The Committee must consist of one voting representative from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Native Village of Eklutna (NVE), and a Governor appointee. As of April 2025, all voting members of the Committee have been appointed and are as follows:

- ADFG Ken Bouwens, Habitat Division, Southcentral Regional Supervisor
- ADNR Tom Barrett, Water Section Chief
- NMFS Sean McDermott, Habitat Conservation Division, Anchorage Office Supervisor
- USFWS Jennie Spegon, Southern Alaska Conservation Office, Ecological Services
- NVE Marc Lamoreaux, Land and Environment Director
- Governor Appointee Bryan Carey, former AEA Director of Owned Assets

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The Final Program also states that the Committee chair will be selected by members of the Committee. A meeting was held on May 22, 2025, for this purpose and Ken Bouwens from ADFG was selected to serve as the Committee chair.

#### Fixed Wheel Gate Study

Per Section 4.1 of the Final Program, the Project Owners are required to conduct a more detailed feasibility study of the fixed wheel gate (including a stability analysis and Class 3 cost estimate) within three years of the Governor's issuance of the Final Program.

This study was initiated in July 2025 and should be completed in early 2026. The results of the study will be provided to the Committee as required by the Final Program.

#### **Pumped Storage Hydro Study**

Per Section 4.3 of the Final Program, the Parties to the 1991 Agreement and NVE must study pumped storage hydropower (PSH) upon terms and conditions they mutually agree to. The terms and conditions must include level of engineering, level of cost analysis, what Party or Parties will fund the study and in what amounts, and any other matters the Parties find necessary to implement this limited reopener. The study should be consistent with studies performed for other alternatives reviewed by the Project Owners and should be undertaken immediately, but this study should not delay the implementation of the Final Program or the review and study of the fixed wheel gate.

Chugach and MEA convened a meeting of the Parties and NVE on December 18, 2024, to discuss the terms and conditions of the PSH study. At that meeting, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) volunteered to conduct and fund the study, which was agreed to by the other Parties. The MOA retained Stantec, an environmental and engineering consultancy with Alaska experience, to conduct the PSH study. The MOA subsequently hosted a series of four meetings from April through June of 2025 to discuss the phased approach, the scope of the studies, process proposed by the MOA, the selection criteria, and potential PSH alternatives. The Parties reached agreement on the terms and conditions of the scope of the study and the process in August 2025, and the Technical Working Group for the study is currently reviewing and ranking the potential PSH alternatives based on the selection criteria. It is anticipated that this study will be completed in early 2026.

#### **Eklutna River Release Facility**

As stated above and per your decision document dated October 2, 2024, the PSH study should not delay the implementation of the Final Program. The Project Owners have therefore continued to move forward planning efforts associated with permitting and design of the Eklutna River Release Facility. We have begun coordination with ADNR regarding land ownership and management authority to determine the necessary approval process and established an engineering team to initiate final design in 2026. We have also been in coordination with the MOA regarding the requirements for executing the drafted agreements with Anchorage Water

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and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) that are part of, and appended to, the Final Program. The Anchorage Assembly's approval of the negotiated AWWU agreements is necessary for the MOA to execute those documents. In April 2025, the Anchorage Assembly took up the AWWU agreements for consideration. Chugach and MEA expected approval of the AWWU agreements at that time, but ultimately the Assembly referred the AWWU agreements to the Municipal Attorney, with the direction that she bring it back to the Assembly for approval once the PSH study scope and process have been agreed between the Parties. Therefore, now that the PSH scope and process have been agreed to, we expect the Assembly to approve the negotiated AWWU agreements, which must be executed by the end of 2025 in order to remain on schedule for implementing the Final Program and preserve the carefully negotiated agreement regarding use of the AWWU facilities for the Eklutna River Release Facility, water rights, compensation, and related matters.

#### Conclusion

We are pleased to report the progress to date on implementation of the Final Fish and Wildlife Program.

Please let us know if you have any questions about implementation efforts to date or planned implementation efforts in the future. We look forward to working with the Committee in the coming years to continue implementing the Final Program.

Sincerely,

Andrew Laughlin

Chief Operating Officer

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.

Tony Zellers

**Chief Operating Officer** 

Matanuska Electric Association, Inc.

cc: Rachel Bylsma, Office of the Governor

Mark Spafford, MOA Ken Bouwens, ADFG

Tom Barrett, ADNR, Water Section

Justin Dipaola-Allen, ADNR, Chugach State Park

Sean McDermott, NMFS

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Marc Lamoreaux, NVE

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Curtis Thayer, AEA



# **July 2025**

# Monthly Financial Report





#### **Month to Date Results**

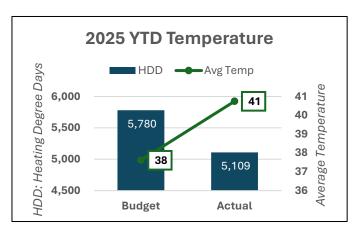
Total sales for July finished above projections, primarily due to increased power pool sales to MEA, while retail sales were up marginally higher than budget. Total revenue exceeded budget by \$2.2 million (8%), primarily due to higher than anticipated recovery of fuel and purchased power costs. Fuel expense was \$1.9 million (38%) higher than budget due to the use of higher cost contracted fuel. Total operating expenses, less fuel and purchased power, were \$0.5 million (3%) higher than budget, following the same trend seen over the last several months.

Non-operating margins were \$0.3 (138%) higher than budget due to better-than-expected realized gains in the BRU ARO fund. The total margin loss of \$1.0 million was \$0.2 million (27%) higher than budget.

#### **Year to Date Results**

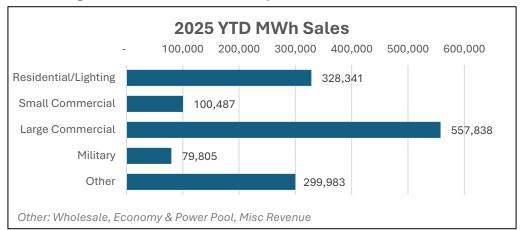
#### **Sales and Revenues**

Total year-to-date Heating Degree Days (HDD) were 671 days (12%) below expectations, while average temperatures were 8% higher than anticipated. While total sales reached 1.4 million MWh, surpassing the budget by .03 million MWh (2%), primarily driven by power pool sales to MEA, which exceeded the budget by .06 million MWh (28%).



The rise in MEA sales obscures the effects that the

exceptionally warm year has had on retail customers, which encompasses residential, small commercial, large commercial, military, and lighting. This segment generated 78% of total year-to-date sales and finished July at 0.03 million MWh (2%) lower than budget. Retail base revenues were \$4.6 million (3%) below budget due to lower than anticipated sales. However, this shortfall was partially mitigated by



higher than expected fuel revenue recovery of \$3.2 million (6%), resulting in total retail revenue finishing \$1.4 million (1%) under budget.



#### **Operating Expenses**

Fuel expenses, including contracted fuel, storage, transportation, and BRU operating costs were \$7.0 million (18%) higher than budget. The warmer temperatures experienced in the first quarter led to a strategic change in the usage ratio of BRU to contracted fuel. It is important to note that all fuel and purchased power costs, excluding those associated with the Eklutna Purchase Power Agreement (PPA), are recovered through the fuel and purchased power adjustment process resulting in no impact to margins.

Production expense was under budget by \$2.5 million (10%) due to lower contract services and labor costs.

Transmission expenses were under budget by \$1.5 million (22%) primarily due to lower labor and contract services costs for system control and field operations.

Distribution operations and maintenance expenses were over budget by \$1.0 million (6%) primarily due to an increase in labor costs stemming from outage repairs and maintenance following the January winter storm and clearing efforts.

Administrative and other expenses were materially on budget.

Depreciation and amortization expenses were under budget by \$0.2 million (0.4%) primarily due to a lower than expected BRU depreciation expense as a result of underlift activity.

Net interest expense consists of interest on long-term debt, other interest expense, and interest charged to construction. Net interest expense was over budget by \$0.8 million (3%) due to carrying a higher-than-expected commercial paper balance, unbudgeted fees and lower interest charged to construction as a result of construction delays caused by weather conditions.

Non-operating margins consist of interest income, allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC), capital credits, patronage dividends and others. Non-operating margins were over budget by \$1.1 million (70%) primarily due to increased interest income and realized gains in the BRU ARO fund, which was partially offset by lower AFUDC due to construction delays caused by weather conditions.

Despite the year-to-date margin shortfall, our year-end forecast remains unchanged at a margin of \$9.1 million, generating an MFI/I of 1.18 and TIER of 1.21.



#### **Supplemental Information**

# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATIONS, INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2025

(in thousands)

(in thousands)		Actual		Budget		Variance
Operating Revenue	\$	30,461	\$	28,307	\$	2,154
Fuel		7,039		5,119		1,920
Production		3,629		3,058		572
Purchased Power		2,474		2,240		234
Transmission		660		863		(203)
Distribution		2,539		2,678		(139)
Consumer accounts		1,060		1,108		(48)
Administrative, General and Other		4,615		4,253		361
Depreciation & Amortization		6,041		6,040		1
Total Operating expenses	_	28,057		25,359		2,698
Long-term debt and other		4,190		4,280		(90)
Charged to construction	_	(217)	_	(292)		76
Interest Expense, Net		3,973		3,987	_	(14)
Net operating margins	_	(1,569)	_	(1,039)	_	(530)
Interest Income		198		154		43
Allowance for funds used during construction		(96)		53		(150)
Capital credits, patronage dividends and others		436		18		418
Total nonoperating margins	_	537		225		312
Assignable margins	_	(1,032)		(814)	_	(218)



# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATIONS, INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 2025

(in thousands)

(in thousands)		Actual	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenue	\$	216,361	\$ 216,355 \$	6
Fuel		45,063	38,051	7,012
Production		21,931	24,404	(2,473)
Purchased Power		17,559	17,350	209
Transmission		5,343	6,876	(1,533)
Distribution		18,495	17,451	1,044
Consumer accounts		7,154	7,288	(134)
Administrative, General and Other		32,372	32,391	(18)
Depreciation & Amortization	_	41,871	 42,049	(178)
Total Operating expenses		189,790	185,860	3,930
Long-term debt and other		29,968	29,581	387
Charged to construction	_	(1,460)	(1,906)	446
Interest Expense, Net		28,508	27,675	833
Net operating margins	_	(1,936)	2,821	(4,757)
Interest Income		1,634	1,115	519
Allowance for funds used during construction		136	345	(209)
Capital credits, patronage dividends and others	_	930	 125	805
Total nonoperating margins		2,701	1,586	1,115
Assignable margins		765	 4,407	(3,642)
MFI/I		1.03	1.15	
TIER		1.03	1.17	



# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY, 2025 AND 2024

(in thousands)

(in thousanus)		2025	2024	Variance
Operating Revenue	\$	216,361 \$	208,866 \$	7,496
Fuel		45,063	41,716	3,347
Production		21,931	23,720	(1,789)
Purchased Power		17,559	17,183	377
Transmission		5,343	5,493	(149)
Distribution		18,495	17,323	1,172
Consumer accounts		7,154	6,666	488
Administrative, General and Other		32,372	29,482	2,890
Depreciation & Amortization		41,871	40,328	1,544
Total Operating expenses		189,790	181,910	7,879
Long-term debt and other		29,968	27,887	2,080
Charged to construction		(1,460)	(1,248)	(212)
Interest Expense, Net		28,508	26,639	1,868
Net operating margins		(1,936)	316	(2,252)
Interest Income		1,634	1,396	238
Allowance for funds used during construction		136	249	(113)
Capital credits, patronage dividends and others	_	930	613	317
Total nonoperating margins		2,701	2,259	442
Assignable margins		765	2,575	(1,810)
MFI/I		1.03	1.09	
TIER		1.03	1.12	



Fuel Cost / other under recovery

**Total Current & Accrued Assets** 

**Total Assets & Other Debits** 

Accounts Receivable - Net

Materials and Supplies

Other current assets

**Fuel Stock** 

**Prepayments** 

**Deferred Debits** 

BRU capital surcharge under - recovery

#### **BALANCE SHEET** As of July 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024 Unaudited **Audited ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS** 7/31/2025 12/31/2024 CHANGE (in thousands) \$ Electric Plant in Service 2,297,649 \$ 2,272,412 \$ 25,237 **Construction Work in Progress** 125,739 15,939 109,800 **Total Utility Plant** 2,423,388 2,382,212 41,176 Accum. Prov. for Depreciation/Amortization (875,602)(835,757)(39,845)**Net Utility Plant** 1,547,786 1,546,455 1,331 Nonutility Property - Net 77 77 0 Operating lease right-of-use assets 3,982 436 3,546 Financing lease right-of-use Assets 179 190 (11)6,223 (197)Investment in Assoc. Organizations 6.420 **Special Funds** 42,509 37,679 4,830 Restricted Cash Equivalents & Other 30 30 0 **Long-term Prepayments** 79 (79)**Total Other Property & Investments** 53,000 48,021 4,979 (13,893) Cash & Restricted Cash 10,768 24,661 **Special Deposits** 61 55 6 500 500 0 Restricted cash equivalents

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# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. BALANCE SHEET

As of July 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024

		Unaudited	Audited	
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS	_	7/31/2025	12/31/2024	CHANGE
(in thousands)				
Memberships	\$	2,065 \$	2,051 \$	•
Patronage capital		201,415	201,159	256
Other		18,446	18,234	212
Total Margins & Equities		221,926	221,444	482
Bonds payable		1,138,100	1,180,917	(42,817)
Notes Payable		8,436	10,944	(2,508)
Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs		(5,962)	(6,188)	226
Operating lease liabilities		3,937	3,508	429
Financing lease liabilities		175	183	(8)
Total Long-Term Debt		1,144,686	1,189,364	(44,678)
Current installment of long-term obligations		57,290	56,740	550
Commercial Paper		150,000	122,000	28,000
Accounts Payable		32,070	26,289	5,781
Consumer Deposits		1,586	3,780	(2,194)
Accrued interest		10,186	11,367	(1,181)
Salary, wages and benefits		12,980	12,479	501
Fuel Payable		5,732	5,446	286
Undergrounding ordinance liabilities		4,832	4,311	521
Provision for rate refund		31	3,125	(3,094)
Other Current Liabilities		762	2,187	(1,425)
Total Current liabilities		275,469	247,724	27,745
Deferred Compensation		1,794	1,926	(132)
Other Liabilities, Non-Current		930	757	173
Deferred Liabilities		17,167	13,840	3,327
BRU Regulatory Liability		65,364	70,602	(5,238)
Cost of Removal Obligation		172,200	168,654	3,546
Total Liabilities & Other Credits		1,899,536	1,914,311	(14,775)
Equity Ratio		16.29%	15.74%	



### **Business Development Report**

#### Third Quarter 2025

This quarterly report provides updates on the activities and deliverables identified in the Business Development Plan. The plan and this report are organized into the following four portfolio areas.

- 1. Electrify Transportation
- 2. Electrify Heating
- 3. Provide Member Choices
- 4. Pursue Community and Business Development

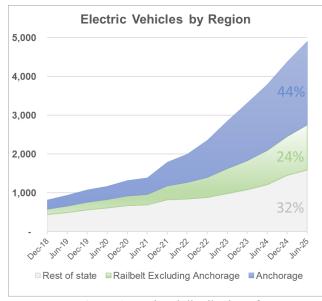
#### **Electrify Transportation**

#### EV Adoption and Load Growth

Chugach tracks the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and receives vehicle registration data on a biannual basis to quantify the growing number of EVs served by the Chugach system. The most recent data provides detailed EV counts as of July 1, 2025. The number of EVs in the Chugach service area continues to grow at a steady pace, increasing over 30% year-over-year for all EVs, including battery electric (BEV) and plug-in hybrid (PHEV) vehicles. Nearly 2,200 EVs are registered within the Municipality of Anchorage, of which approximately 90% are within the Chugach service area. The local EV density is approximately 74 EVs per 10,000 Anchorage residents, which is comparable to many urban areas in Lower48. Railbelt communities contain over two-thirds of all EVs, representing about 3,300 of the more than 4,900 EVs statewide.

EVs continue to become more accessible to Alaskan buyers with new models and competitive pricing available from familiar brands. Manufacturer and federal tax incentives available in 2025 have helped to make EVs more affordable for Chugach members, although constraints on shipping EVs to Alaska have limited physical supply of new EVs. Convenience and reduced operating costs are still the primary motivations for Chugach members switching to an EV. The cost of charging an EV at Chugach rates continues to be less than half the cost of fueling a comparable gasoline vehicle. Tesla remains the most common manufacturer representing over 40% of all local EVs but continues to lose market share as EV sales from other manufacturers increase.





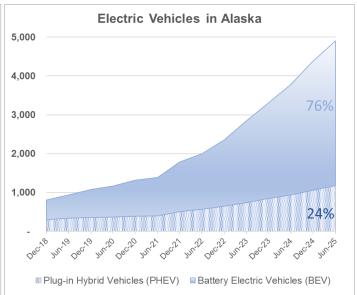


Figure 1: Regional distribution of EVs

Figure 2: Portion of BEV and PHEV registrations

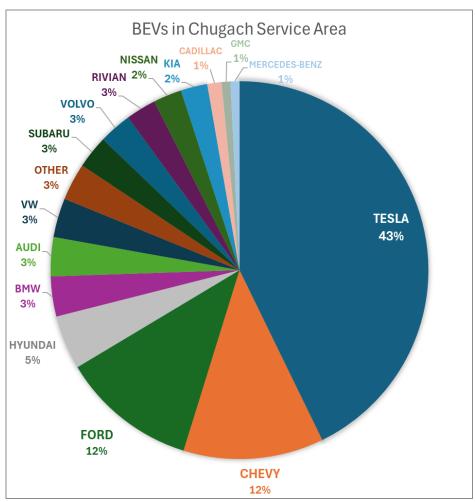


Figure 3: Portion of BEV by brand



#### **EV Charging Activity**

Activity at the Chugach headquarters DC fast charging site has steadily increased over the past year. The charging station has served over 2,100 individual charging sessions and delivered more than 85,000 kWh of electricity since opening. Use has increased with the number of EVs, and this site continues to be particularly useful to new EV owners who are often charging for their first time. Use averages around eight charging sessions per day, delivering over 10,200 kWh per month. Together with two other public DCFC sites in Anchorage this totals over 25,000 kWh per month.

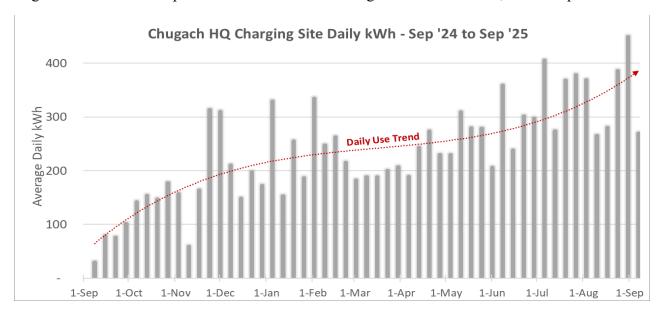


Figure 4: Daily average energy for each week since the charging station opened to the public in 9/2024

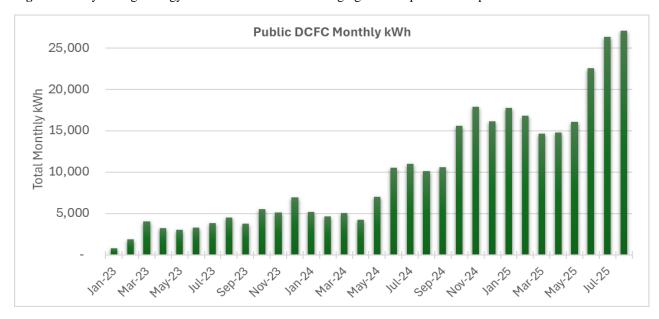


Figure 5: Public DCFC charging since 1/2023 at the Dimond Center, Alaska Rock Gym, and Chugach HQ sites.



Charging EVs at residential service locations continues to serve approximately 94% of all EV charging activity. The percentage of public charging is steadily increasing as public charging sites become more available, and as the number of commuter vehicles and EVs from outside the Chugach service area use public chargers in Anchorage while traveling through the region.

Chugach is launching an initiative to accelerate EV adoption by self-developing new public DC fast charging sites at strategic locations across the service area. This includes a plan to address the lack of charging infrastructure between Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula, which is currently a significant barrier to regional EV adoption. This plan will reduce the maximum distance between charging sites to approximately 60 miles. The Business Development team has identified preferred locations along the Seward and Sterling Highways and is working with commercial members to develop the sites.

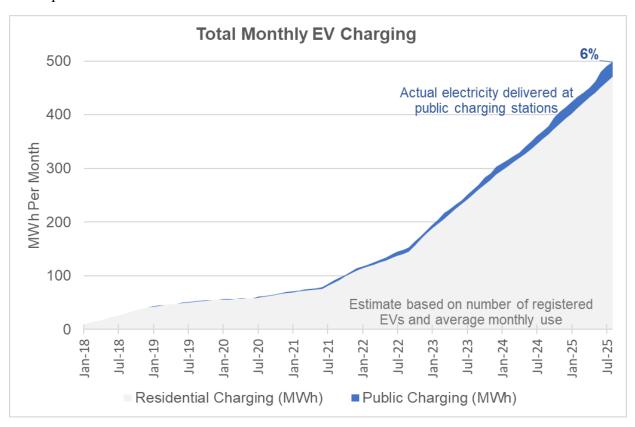


Figure 6: Total EV charging activity based on estimated residential use and metered energy to public charging sites

#### Chugach Fleet EV Charging in Development

Chugach is installing a dedicated electric service and approximately four new Level 2 chargers near the vehicle maintenance shop to support new electric fleet vehicles that are planned for procurement within the next two years. This fleet charging site will also be used as an example for Chugach commercial members that are considering fleet electrification.



#### **Electrify Heating**

#### Heat Pump Potential and the Chugach Approach

The University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED) recently published a policy brief on heat pump deployment in Alaska based on their independent analysis. Key findings include that electric heat pumps can reduce natural gas consumption by approximately 24% compared to natural gas heating, which can help extend the life of existing Cook Inlet natural gas resources. The report notes that current operating costs for residential heat pumps are approximately 72% higher than natural gas heating but rising natural gas prices will narrow the price gap towards cost parity at around \$20/Mcf. The report also encourages several policy recommendations to accelerate heat pump adoption including innovative electric rate design, support for workforce development, investment in grid infrastructure, and public education.

Chugach continues to consider how to best integrate a heat pump in the new Cooper Landing operations building to be constructed in 2026. Several heat pump options have been considered including a ground source system, and air source systems including air-to-air and air-to-water, along with various backup heat sources and integrations. The preferred option is a residential-style air-to-air source heat pumps to provide primary heating (and cooling) for the building. The heat pump system is expected to serve most of the heating load and will be programmed to transition to a fuel-based backup system that will provide supplemental heat during the coldest periods. Chugach is expected to save money any hour the heat pump is operating compared to the fuel-oil system, but the fuel-oil system will provide a robust backup heating source and ensure that the facility has sufficient heating even during extreme cold days. The heating system design options are underway, and final decisions are expected soon.

This heat pump will provide a meaningful opportunity for Chugach to demonstrate the effectiveness of heat pumps in the Cooper Landing area, which is a prime location for new heat pump installations due to the lack of natural gas infrastructure in the area. Heat pumps provide an opportunity for Chugach members to electrify their heating to reduce the use of natural gas or other heating fuels and reduce carbon emissions. Modern cold-climate heat pumps have competitive operating costs in locations where they are displacing delivered heating fuel or propane.

The Chugach Annex building heat pump is being installed this fall and will provide another opportunity for Chugach to gain first-hand experience with a hybrid heat pump system with integrated natural gas axillary heating. This system is expected to reduce fuel costs significantly by switching to electric heating at Chugach's house power rates. Additionally, and unexpectedly, the up-front equipment and installation cost of this system was less expensive than the incumbent natural gas heating system and air conditioning, thereby producing lower capital expense, lower fueling costs, and an excellent demonstration project for Chugach and its members.



#### **Provide Member Choices**

#### Community Solar Program

The Retherford Solar project achieved commercial operation in July, and the Chugach Community Solar program launched August 1, 2025. 263 Chugach members are now receiving solar benefits from the facility, which generated nearly 71,000 kWh in the first month of operation, enough to offset approximately 25 metric tons of CO2. The waitlist for the program continues to grow with 55 members waiting for 277 panels. Planning is underway for a second community solar project to allow Chugach to expand the community solar program to meet the strong interest from members.



Figure 7: Photo from the Community Solar ribbon cutting in August, 2025.



#### **Innovative Rate Programs**

As part of the general rate case Chugach introduced a new Economic Development Rate (EDR) to encourage load growth from certain types of commercial activity within two years of a new service. The rate will provide an economic incentive to commercial members who establish new or incremental loads of 1,000 to 5,000 kW from manufacturing activity. The EDR will provide a discount on the demand charge that declines on an annual basis.

Chugach continues to prepare for launch of the Time of Use rate pilot for residential and small commercial members. The rate pilot will be available to 500 residential and 500 small commercial members, with up to 100 net-metered members.

#### New Tools to Understand Distributed Resources

The Business Development team has been exploring different tools to help Chugach better understand the number and characteristics of distributed generation and distributed loads on the distribution system to ensure Chugach is well positioned and making informed decisions about growth in these areas. Two different software tools are under evaluation for potential testing starting in Q4 2025. The tools use advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data to identify members with distributed solar generation, electric vehicles, stationary batteries, and other distributed energy resources (DERs). The tools can also characterize each facility by estimating the capacity and energy production of the DERs. Chugach currently has no visibility on actual energy produced by solar or used by EVs behind-the-meter, as only the net of the solar production or residential load that flows through the meter is measured. These sophisticated software tools can estimate actual energy production using custom algorithms and regional solar data. The tools can also detect meters that may have distributed solar behind the meter outside of a formal interconnection agreement with Chugach, which could pose a safety hazard if the installation was not performed to code and has not been examined by Chugach.

The Business Development team is also planning a voluntary program that will incentivize members to provide behind-the-meter solar production data to Chugach in exchange for a bill credit. This approach is expected to be a cost-effective method to validate the software estimates of solar energy production with a target sample of about 100 member-owned distributed generation systems.

In addition to identifying and characterizing each distributed resource, the software tools can aggregate distributed generation to identify potential impacts on the distribution system. This may include concentrated areas of rooftop solar generation or simultaneous EV charging loads. This will help Chugach understand local grid constraints at the distribution transformer, voltage impacts to the distribution line throughout the year, and aggregated impacts at the feeder, substation, and system level. The software will provide an assessment of additional capacity for

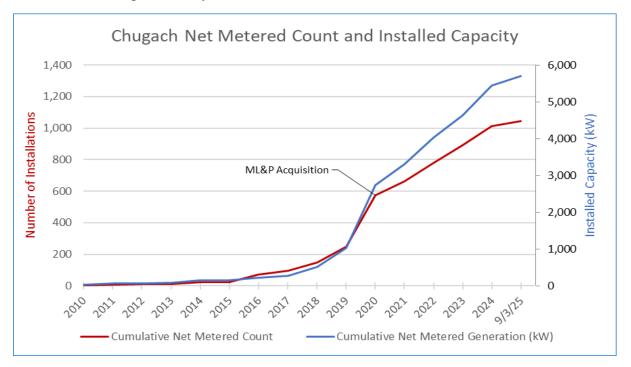


new solar or EVs at specific points on the distribution system. Additional software functionality may provide dynamic capacity that could allow increased solar penetration using dynamic curtailment during critical hours to prevent back feeding of feeders or other undesirable overload conditions.

The EV charging characterization will support Chugach's evaluation of EV charging loads and the impacts on distribution transformers to prevent accelerated degradation of transformers from increased EV charging. The information obtained may inform an EV charging program to optimize use of existing transformers and avoid early replacement costs.

#### Continued Growth of Net Metered Installations

In 2024, 120 Chugach members installed net metered solar on their properties totaling 823 kW, an 18 percent increase in the capacity of net metered generation to a total of about 5.45 MW of installed capacity as of December 31, 2024. In comparison, the installed capacity for 2025 year-to-date has increased by 257 kW to about 5.7 MW, or an increase of 6 percent. Many solar systems are installed during the summer and activated in fall, so this number is expected to increase by the end of the year. Figure 8 shows the growth in the number and installed capacity of net metered installations since program inception. Note the average capacity per installation has been increasing in recent years.



**Figure 8**: Graph of the history of installed capacity of net metered installations on the Chugach system.



#### **Community and Business Development**

#### Seeking Data Centers to Support Load Growth and Affordable Rates

Chugach continues to pursue and work with data center developers to build out the identified 30 MW of available, highly efficient generation capacity. Most of this work is conducted under non-disclosure agreements. Additional context was described in the Business Development Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2025.

Adding a data center to Chugach's service area would help stabilize the declining sales that Chugach has experienced over the past 15 years. The declining sales have contributed to higher electric rates. An opportunity to serve one or more data centers up to 30 MW would benefit all members by increasing energy sales, which lowers electric rates by distributing fixed cost over a larger volume of energy sold.

While Alaska has historically not been a preferred region for data center development, several factors are now making Alaska more compelling to developers. A primary reason is due to the cold climate which reduces the cooling costs for data centers. Additionally, Alaska provides a U.S.-flagged location that is physically isolated and on separate electric grid from data centers in the Lower 48. There is a growing need for edge computing, serving local data "inference" requests, and for processing batches of computing that is temporally flexible. These and other drivers mean that Chugach is well positioned to see an increase in electric sales coming from new and expanded data centers in the next several years.

Chugach has begun discussions to lease its properties at the north campus following the consolidation of the two campuses in Q4 of 2025. Potential data centers and others have begun considering the available properties as shown on the map below which identifies the approximate property boundaries following re-platting of the properties.





Figure 9: Chugach North Campus facilities for potential consideration for data center development and other purposes.

#### **Building Permit Applications**

Through August 2025, the total year-to-date value of permit applications was less than one percent lower than the same period in 2024. The estimated value of permit applications of all types through May was \$404 million, compared to \$406 million for the same period in 2024. The applications include both alterations and new construction in the residential, commercial and government sectors.



#### New Commercial Construction

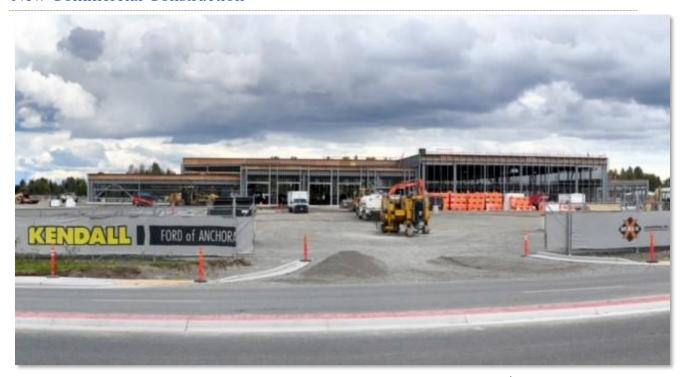


Figure 8. Construction continues for at the new Kendall Ford location near the corner of 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C Street



**Figure 9.** Construction continues for a new Courtyard Marriott in Midtown along C Street. The hotel is expected to feature 141 beds and open in spring of 2026.





**Figure 10.** Construction continues for a new skilled nursing facility at the Alaska Native Medical Center campus. The \$70M facility is located on the ANMC campus and will feature 80 beds as part of the 92,000 square-foot facility.



**Figure 11.** Construction continues for a new emergency medical facility at the Alaska Native Medical Center campus near the corner of Tudor and Elmore Roads. The \$257M facility will expand the services available at ANMC.





Figure 12. Construction continues for a new cargo facility at the Anchorage International Airport south of FedEx.



**Figure 13**. Construction nears completion on a new Three Bears store in Cooper Landing near Sunshine corner. The complex will also host other types of development including lodging and gas station.





**Figure 14**. Construction has started for a new commercial facility on the corner of Benson & Denali. The site was formerly occupied by a Denny's Restaurant that was removed in 2024.

# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**September 17, 2025** 

ACENDA ITEM NO VII A

ACTION REQUIRED		AGENDATIENTNO. VII.A.				
<u>X</u>	Information Only Motion Resolution Executive Session Other					

# **TOPIC**

ACTION DECLIDED

Approval of the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreements covering the terms and conditions of employment for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Office and Engineering, Generation, and Outside Plant bargaining unit personnel.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The tentative 2025 - 2028 Collective Bargaining Agreements covering the terms and conditions of employment for the IBEW Office and Engineering, Generation, and Outside Plant bargaining unit, personnel were discussed at the July 30, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' meeting in executive session.

Consistent with Board Policy 404, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach or Association) negotiated tentative agreements with the IBEW to renew the Collective Bargaining Agreements covering the terms and conditions of employment for bargaining unit personnel for the July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, period. After the tentative agreements were accepted by the bargaining units' employees, the agreements and anticipated costs were posted on August 19, 2025, to the Chugach web page for the Association Membership to review.

The combined estimated financial impact of the 2025 - 2028 IBEW Labor Agreements is nineteen million, eight hundred four thousand dollars. over the three-year term, allocated by group as follows:

- Office and Engineering: five million four thousand dollars
- Generation: seven million, one hundred thirty thousand dollars.
- Outside Plant: seven million, six hundred sixty-nine thousand dollars.

# **MOTION**

Move that the Chugach Board of Directors approve the 2025 – 2028 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547, Office and Engineering, Generation, and Outside Plant Agreements.

# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**September 17, 2025** 

ACTION REQUIRED	AGENDA ITEM NO. VII.B
Information Only  X Motion Resolution Executive Session Other	

## **TOPIC**

Equity Management Plan

## **DISCUSSION**

Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) is required to file an Equity Management Plan as an informational filing with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) by September 26, 2025. The RCA indicated concerns regarding capital retirements despite limited liquidity and a low equity-to-total-capitalization ratio (Equity Ratio) and the anticipated need for renewable energy investment to address gas shortfall and environmental goals.

Chugach engaged Charles River Associates International (CRA) who recommended an Equity Ratio target of 30% - 40%. To address the RCA's concern regarding capital credit requirements, Chugach will be limiting annual capital credit retirements to the lesser of 2.5% of Chugach's total equities and margins or 25% of the prior fiscal year's assignable margins until Chugach's Equity Ratio equals or exceeds 30%.

The 2026-2035 Equity Management Plan is expected to produce margins from \$16.0 million in 2026 to \$19.3 million in 2035, a Margins for Interest/Interest (MFI/I) ratio from 1.33 in 2026 to 1.48 in 2035, and an Equity Ratio from 16% in 2026 to 32.0% in 2035. These results are based on a Total Cost of Electric Service from \$367.4 million in 2026 to \$521.8 million in 2035 and Total Revenue ranging from \$382.9 million in 2026 to \$540.5 million in 2035.

#### **MOTION**

Move that the Chugach Board of Directors approve the 2026-2035 Equity Management Plan in all material respects as discussed and summarized in the attached Equity Management Plan, approve an Equity Ratio target between 30% - 40%, and approve limiting annual capital credit retirements to the lesser of 2.5% of Chugach's total equities and margins or 25% of the prior fiscal year's assignable margins until Chugach's Equity Ratio equals or exceeds 30%.



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#### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) is a regulated, not-for-profit, Alaska electric cooperative, organized in 1948, that engages in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity to approximately 90,300 members receiving power from approximately 113,600 locations in Anchorage and upper Kenai Peninsula areas. In addition, Chugach supplies substantially all of the power requirements to the City of Seward (Seward) as a wholesale customer. Chugach also engages in power pool transactions with Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. (MEA). Chugach is managed by the Chief Executive Officer and guided by Chugach's seven-member Board of Directors, who are elected to staggered four-year terms by and from its membership.

#### **Vision Statement**

Responsibly developing energy to build a clean, sustainable future for Alaska.

#### **Mission Statement**

We provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity through superior service and sustainable practices, powering the lives of our members.

#### Values

Guided by our values of safety eliabin, accountability and sustainability, we are committed to serving our members, the community, and the Chugael eam.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Chugach's 2026-2035 Equity Management Plan (Plan) is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Board Policy 303, assuring efficient use of debt and equity while achieving required service reliability levels and compliance with regulatory and contractual obligations, indenture requirements, debt agreements, laws and other regulations.

The Plan demonstrates how Chugach manages its debt, equity, rates and capital credits to achieve its financial goals. It establishes a specific equity target range and a plan to achieve it that supports the cooperative's strategic goals, maximizes financial health and enables access to debt capital at the lowest possible cost. The Plan aims at striking a balance between providing member benefits, meeting lender expectations and ensuring long-term financial sustainability.

Chugach's equity level is a key indicator of financial health and maintaining an appropriate equity level is a primary goal of Chugach's Plan. Strong financial performance is necessary to maintain access to capital at reasonable cost. Access to capital is a significant consideration as prior to 1991, the majority of Chugach's debt funding was federally financed through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). Since that time, Chugach has used a combination of financing alternatives through cooperative lenders and the public and private capital debt markets. Taking advantage of lower transaction fees, customized terms, reduced regulatory burden and faster access to capital, the majority of Chugach's lebt to by is private capital market debt. Continued access to the capital markets is critical as Chugach is limited at its eligiborate ty for federally financed debt, which is a distinction compared to other Railbelt utilities.

Changes in our credit ratings could affect our allow to access capital. We maintain an Issuer Credit Rating (ICR) from Standard & Poor's Rating Services (\*P) of ', " (Stable) and an Issuer Default Rating (IDR) from Fitch Ratings (Fitch) of "A-" (Stable). S&P and Nody's arrently rate our commercial paper at "A-1" and "P-2", respectively. If these agencies were to aswngrace paper rates could increase immediately, and Additionally, our potential pool of investors are funding our could decrease.

#### Goals

- A target equity-to-total-capitalization ratio (Equity P io) rage between 30 and 40 percent; and
- Continuation of annual capital credit retirements, w. 1 retirements, w. 1 retirements of 2.5% of Chugach's equities and margins or 25% of the prior fiscal year's act gnable 1. regins u. 1 Chugach's Equity Ratio equals or exceeds 30%

#### **Target Equity Ratio**

In determining the target Equity Ratio, many factors must be considered acluding cost of debt, debt covenants, capital investments, rate levels, financial flexibility and capital credit retirement plans.

Chugach's target Equity Ratio is a range between 30 and 40 percent as recommended by Kurt G. Strunk, of Charles River Associates International (CRA), in the Financial Inputs to the Equity Management Plan dated September 2025 and included as Attachment A.

An Equity Ratio of 30 percent or greater permits Chugach to return capital credits unimpeded by debt covenants, helps to maintain current bond ratings and provides access to debt at the lowest possible cost while maximizing financial flexibility.

#### **Capital Credit Retirements and Unclaimed Capital Credits**

Chugach credits to our members all amounts received from them for the furnishing of electricity in excess of operating costs, expenses and provision for reasonable reserves. These excess amounts, or assignable margins, are considered capital furnished by our members and are credited to their accounts and held until such future time as they are retired and returned without interest. Approval of capital credit retirements are at the discretion of Chugach's Board of Directors.

Capital credit retirements demonstrate the value and are a key principle of the cooperative business model. Capital credit retirements are issued in accordance with the requirements of Board Policy 304, which establishes the goals

of remaining in compliance with Indenture and debt agreement requirements, maintaining or progressing toward an equity target level established by the Board, using a retirement method approved by the Board and communicating and promoting cooperative principles. Absent an event of default, Chugach's Indenture and other debt agreements limit distributions of patronage capital to Chugach's members in each year equal to the lesser of 5% of Chugach's equities and margins or 50% of the prior fiscal year's assignable margins if Chugach's aggregate equities and margins are less than 30% of Chugach's long-term debt and equities and margins. Additionally, Chugach is required to maintain a minimum consolidated margins and equities balance of \$150.0 million.

To provide tangible evidence of members' ownership in Chugach and to meet members' expectations, annual capital credit retirements are limited to the lesser of 2.5% of Chugach's equities and margins or 25% of the prior fiscal year's assignable margins until Chugach's Equity Ratio equals or exceeds 30%.

Unclaimed capital credits are retained by Chugach as donated capital, contributing positively to Chugach's equity without impacting rates. Historically, capital credit retirements result in approximately 40% retained by Chugach.

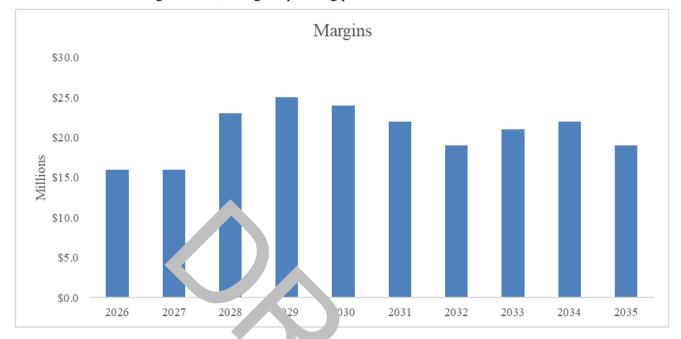
# Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) and Margins For Interest / Interest (MFI/I)

The regulatory environment in Alaska requires cooperatives to use a debt service coverage approach to ratemaking. TIER is designed to ensure Chugach maintains a coverage ratio that allows Chugach to remain in compliance with its debt covenants. TIER is determined a dividing the sum of assignable margins plus long-term interest expense (excluding capitalized interest). Chugach's current authorized TIER for ratemaking purposes of a system basis is 1.55. Since the effective date of its current authorized TIER, Chugach has achieved TIER's between 1.15 and 1.24. Factors contributing to these results include, but are not limited to, decreased sales wells inationly iven cost increases and regulatory lag. Despite this historical trend, Chugach is not planning to request a purpose of its authorized TIER at this time.

The Second Amended and Restated In inture of Indenture) and other debt agreements requires Chugach to either set rates reasonable expected to yield or hieve an MFI/I ratio equal to at least 1.10. Changes in base rates are expected through the submittal of Simplifie Rate Filips (F) or general rates cases.

# SCHEDULE I – PROJECTED MARGINS, MFI/I AND TIER RATIOS

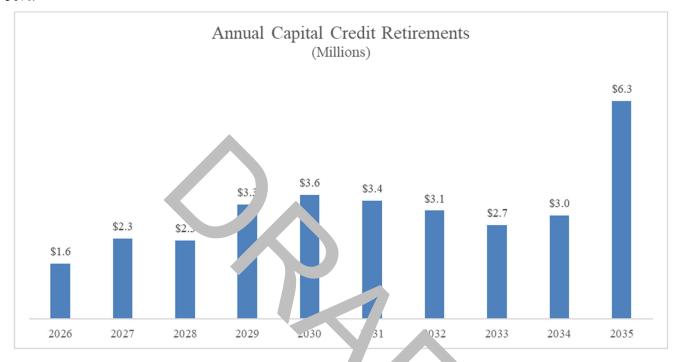
Margins are forecasted to range from a low of \$15.9 million to a high of \$25.1 million during the planning period. The MFI/I ratio is expected to range from a low of 1.31 to a high of 1.56 and the TIER ratio is expected to range from a low of 1.32 to a high of 1.57, during the planning period.





## SCHEDULE II - PROJECTED CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS

Although Chugach's Indenture and other debt agreements limit distributions of patronage capital to Chugach's members in each year equal to the lesser of 5% of Chugach's equities and margins or 50% of the prior fiscal year's margins if Chugach's Equity Ratio is less than 30%, annual capital credit retirements are limited to the lesser of 2.5% of Chugach's equities and margins or 25% of the prior fiscal year's assignable margins until Chugach's Equity Ratio equals or exceeds 30%. In 2035, capital credit requirements increase to the lesser of 5% of Chugach's equities and margins or 50% of the prior fiscal year's assignable margins as Chugach's Equity Ratio is expected to exceed 30%.



# SCHEDULE III – PROJECTED EQUITY RATIO

Chugach's target Equity Ratio is a range between 30 and 40 percent as recommended by Kurt G. Strunk, of CRA, in the Financial Inputs to the Equity Management Plan dated September 2025.

Chugach's Equity Ratio is forecasted to range from a low of 16% to a high of 32% during the planning period.



#### 2026 - 2035 EQUITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ASSUMPTIONS

#### Sales

#### Retail Sales Forecast

For each rate class's forecast of kWh sales, the Holt-Winters Exponential Triple Smoothing (ETS) methodology was selected as a benchmark using approximately ten years of historic monthly data, from January 2015 to April 2025.

Chugach analyzed ten years of retail sales levels, along with its wholesale customer, the City of Seward. The analysis incorporated variables such as weather, hours of darkness, tourism, distributed generation, and beneficial electrification.

On average, Chugach has experienced a nearly one percent annual decline in energy sales, with usage most closely correlated to heating degree days (HDDs) and hours of darkness. A closer review of 2024–2025 data identified an accelerated decline in the first quarter of 2025, primarily driven by an abnormally warm winter. This resulted in a more than four percent year-over-year decrease in quarter one sales, despite an approximate two percent annual increase in overall energy sales.

Conservative observations suggethat the historical downward trend in sales is beginning to stabilize due to increased adoption of beneficial electrification, including electric vehicles, heat pumps, and other residential and industrial technologies. Becase 2025 dates not representative of long-term conditions, Chugach excluded it from the forecast and instead projected 2026 are set to be percent below 2024 levels. Given the current lack of long-term data to model exponential grows and berancial extrification, Chugach has elected to hold energy sales flat across the forecast horizon. This long-term allysis to ll continue to be updated annually, with future forecasts adjusted as additional data becomes available.

#### Wholesale

Sales to the City of Seward are expected for the three par period beginning in 2025, in accordance with the 2025 Wholesale Power Contract between Chugach and the City of leward direct August 5, 2025.

#### Economy Energy

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chugac' and C 'EA has 'xpired and was not extended. Chugach does not have any current plans to make economy sales in order to prese 'e fuel for our native load customers.

#### Power Pool

Power Pool transactions are expected over the planning period in accordance with the approved Second Amended and Restated Contract between Chugach and MEA.



#### Revenue

#### Retail and Wholesale Revenue

Chugach's rates are established on a cost-of-service basis, subject to review and approval by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). Base demand and energy rates are adjusted through Simplified Rate Filings (SRF) and the filing of general rate cases. Beluga River Unit (BRU) fuel and related costs and other fuel and purchased power costs are recovered through the quarterly fuel and purchase power adjustment process.

The base year revenue forecast for 2026 was formulated using both the sales forecast and proposed permanent rates based on Chugach's most recent general rate case filing. These rates were submitted to the RCA on August 18, 2025, and are forecasted to take effect on October 2, 2025. This filing is pending approval by the RCA. These rates are assumed for all of 2026, with base revenue adjusted thereafter through SRF or general rate cases, incorporating SRF limits and applicable regulatory lag.

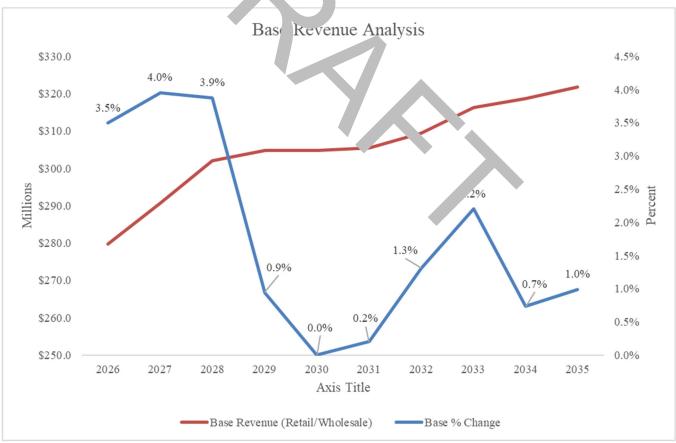
#### Power Pool Revenue

Power Pool revenue is forecasted to remain relatively level over the planning period.

# Other Operating Revenue

Other operating revenue include tate fer pole rental, wheeling, microwave, gas exchange fees, miscellaneous services, and other electric remue. Other perating revenue is forecasted to decline as Chugach's gas exchange agreement expires.

Base revenue is forecasted to in ver the planting period, as a result of expected rate changes as illustrated in the following graph.



# **Fuel and Purchased Power Expense**

Fuel expense includes fuel, storage, transportation and BRU operating costs. Fuel prices are blended to incorporate BRU production, BRU/Hilcorp underlift, Marathon gas exchange, and Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) import costs. New gas storage requirements are assumed to support imported LNG and BRU end of life.

# Fuel Costs - Beluga River Unit

The primary objective is to produce natural gas in order to mitigate both price and volume risk for members. Year-over-year changes reflect the addition of new wells, consistent with the latest reserve study and development plan.

Capital expenditure (CAPEX) forecasts have been updated to align with Chugach's latest BRU reserve study, reflecting costs associated with 18 production wells and supporting infrastructure such as pads.

Operating expenses (OPEX) are correlated with units of production and are based on current cost projections. Underlift volumes and pricing considerations have also been incorporated. The expiration of the State of Alaska small producer tax credit is included in 2026, which is estimated to have a cost impact of approximately \$2 million annually.

# Fuel Costs - Hilcorp Alaska, Inc Contract

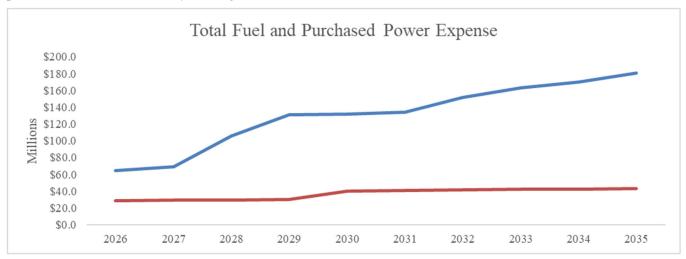
Chugach's gas contract with Hile of Ala 'ra Inc. is set to expire on March 31, 2028. Projected underlift volumes from Hilcorp have been incorrecated into four ure year gas usage and cost projections. Payment pricing is determined using actual billed costs and columns from the second quarter of 2025. The purchase price assumption during the repayment period is also base. In second quarter of 2025 actual billed costs and volumes, with the addition of Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO).

#### Fuel Costs - Other

Marathon exchange volumes are assumed at 1 3cf per year at \$9/Mcf. Projected costs account for the required expansion of storage capacity beginning in 20′ to support 21° 3 imports following the expiration of the Hilcorp gas contract. Efforts are underway to pursue so fed popmer of west side gas storage facilities to support LNG imports and address Chugach's storage and deriverability requirements. LNG supply will commence upon expiration of the Hilcorp gas contract in 2028. The cost encompasse the purposition and has an agreement with ENSTAR Natural Gas Company to provide gas to its generating factories in Anchorage and with Harvest Alaska to ship gas on the Kenai-Beluga Pipeline (KBPL) system.

#### **Purchased Power Costs**

Purchased Power expense represents costs associated with the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project and the Municipality of Anchorage's share of the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project, Laddition to energy purchases from Fire Island Wind (FIW), from MEA through power pool transactions and includes 56% of Dixon Diversion, which will provide 76,160 MWh annually starting in 2031.



#### **Total Cost Of Electric Service**

# Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Expense

O&M expenses include power production, transmission, distribution operations and maintenance and consumer accounts and information expenses. O&M expense represents labor, non-labor and amortized costs. Labor is differentiated between represented and non-represented, with represented labor increases in accordance with current Collective Bargaining Unit Agreements (CBA) and then escalated at the 30-year Breakeven Inflation Rate (T30YIEM) from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Rate of Inflation) of 2.28 percent. Non-labor is escalated at the Rate of Inflation over the planning period and amortized costs are amortized in accordance with regulatory asset schedules.

#### General and Administrative (G&A) Expense

G&A expenses include non-O&M expenses and amortized costs related to accounting, business development, regulatory, insurance, facilities, information technology, corporate communications, environmental, safety, security, leadership, governance, legal, human resources and legislative affairs.

# Depreciation and Amortization Expense

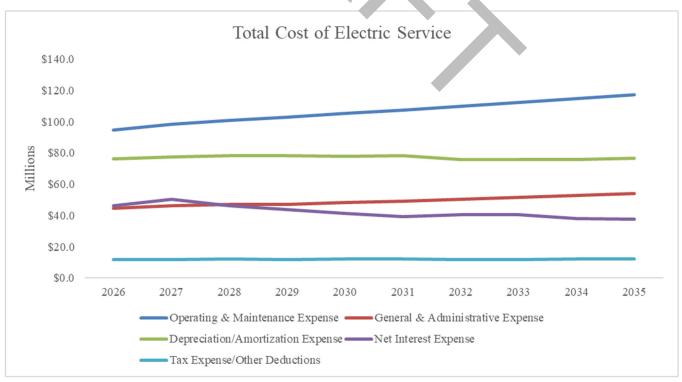
Depreciation expense represents the usage of Chugach's assets, expensed over their useful lives. It increases as a result of capital spending and ecreases then utility plant is fully depreciated or has reached its useful life. Chugach's utility plant is dereciated at rate approved in its current depreciation study (2022 Depreciation Study).

# Net Interest Expense

Net interest expense includes interest on le and shor term debt, net of amounts capitalized.

# Tax Expense and Other Deduction.

Tax expense represents employer-related pay all taxes are ayment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT), paid to the Municipality of Anchorage, which was negotiled as a conformal of Anchorage and Alaska Small producer tax credit. Other deductions represent an element of the expiration of the State of Alaska Small producer tax credit. Other deductions represent an element of the conformal of Anchorage and Maintenance and Indiana of Anchorage and Maintenance and Maintenan



# Capital Plans and Expenditures

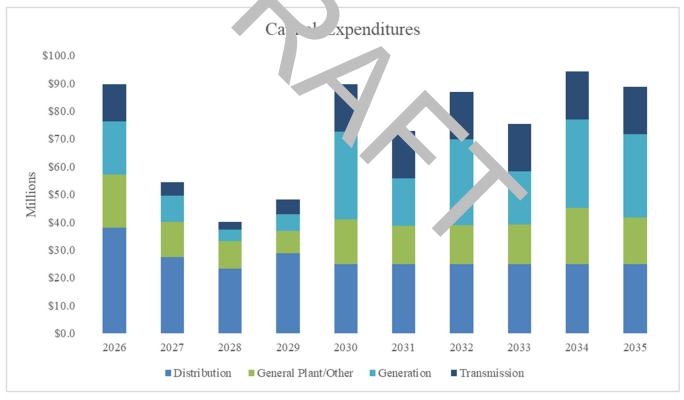
Reliability, capitalized maintenance, upgrades, and facility, security and technology improvements drive the capital spending projected over the next ten years.

The majority of generation capital spending is for capitalized maintenance of Chugach's existing George M. Sullivan (Sullivan) generation plant and Southcentral Power Project (SPP), not covered under a contractual services agreement with General Electric (GE), hydroelectric upgrades at the Cooper Lake and Eklutna Hydroelectric Projects and the tank farm demolition at Sullivan. Additionally, Beluga Solar, a 5 MW project, is added in 2026.

The majority of transmission and sub-transmission capital spending is related to maintaining system reliability, responding to system reliability concerns and improving system stability. This includes the continued upgrade of ninety miles of the southern transmission line to 230 kV standards and starting the conversion of the substations to 230 kV and routine capitalized maintenance.

The majority of distribution and distribution substation capital spending is related to service connects, line extensions, substation upgrades and the continued underground cable rehabilitation and capital replacement projects. It also includes upgrading the distribution line to Whittier to support cruise ship electrification.

The remaining capital projects are for peral plant, telecommunications, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and deferred debit projects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements, including the remodel and additional projects and engineering building, covered equipment storage, purchase of warehouse space additional projects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements, including the remodel and additional projects and improvements to laydown yards and costs associated with our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) rejects. The majority is includes security, information technology, other facility upgrades and the cost to improve the majority is chugally associated with our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) rejects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements, including the remodel and additional projects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements, including the remodel and additional projects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements to laydown yards and costs associated with our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) rejects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements to laydown yards and costs associated with our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) rejects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements to laydown yards and costs associated with our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) rejects. The majority of general plant projects include facility improvements and costs as a second plant projects are projects and the cost to improve the majority of general plant projects include facility improvements.



# **Current Debt and Future Financing**

From 1948 to September of 1991, the majority of Chugach's debt was federally financed through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). In September of 1991, Chugach became one of the first cooperatives in the nation to buy out of the REA and issue debt in the public markets.

Since that time, Chugach has refinanced its public debt in the private placement market, in addition to maintaining a term loan facility with CoBank, ACB (CoBank).

Expenditures not funded by internally generated funds are funded through borrowings made under a \$50 million line of credit with National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (NRUCFC) and our commercial paper program, a \$300 million program, backed by a \$300 million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. Periodically, Chugach refinances its outstanding commercial paper and issues additional long-term debt in accordance with its Second Amended and Restated Indenture of Trust (Indenture).

Chugach has approximately \$1.2 billion in total debt as of June 30, 2025. The interest rates of all Chugach's long-term debt are fixed and are set forth in the following table.

	Maturing	Interest Rate	Carrying Value
2011 Series A, Tranche	2031	4.20 %	\$ 27,000
2011 Series A, Tran B	2041	4.75 %	98,667
2012 Series A, Ti che A	2032	4.01 %	26,250
2012 Series A, Tranc B	າ42	4.41 %	67,000
2012 Series A, Tranche	20-	4.78 %	42,500
2017 Series A, Tranche A	203	3.43 %	24,000
2019 Series A, Tranche A		3.86 %	55,500
2020 Series A, Tranche A	2039	2.38 %	267,000
2020 Series A, Tranche B	2050	2.91 %	442,000
2024 Series A, Tranche A	14	5.48 %	150,000
2016 CoBank Note	2031	2.58	12,768
Total			\$ 1,212,685

Over the ten-year planning period, additional long-term debt s issued. years 2 of and 2032, based on a 30-year amortization schedule at projected interest rate of 5.5% and 5.0%, respectively.

Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSC)

1.34

1.29

1.35

1.45

1.52

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#### PROJECTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS 2026 (In Millions) 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 \$382.9 \$397.5 \$470.5 \$480.5 \$483.6 \$502.6 \$520.1 \$541.3 **Total Revenue** \$442.4 \$529.5 180.5 Fuel Expense 64.7 69.0 105.5 131.1 132.0 134.1 151.7 162.8 170.1 42.9 Purchased Power Expense 28.2 28.9 29.6 30.3 39.9 40.6 41.3 42.0 42.7 Operating & Maintenance Expense 94.9 98.2 100.9 103.0 105.2 107.5 109.8 112.2 114.6 117.1 General & Administrative Expense 44.6 46.1 46.9 47.1 48.2 49.3 50.4 51.5 52.7 53.9 232.4 242.2 282.9 311.5 325.3 331.4 353.2 368.5 380.2 394.4 **Total Operations & Maintenance Expense** 76.4 77.4 78.4 78.3 78.2 76.0 75.8 76.6 Depreciation/Amortization Expense 77.8 76.0 39.8 Net Interest Expense 46.4 50.5 46.1 43.9 41.9 40.2 43.0 43.3 40.1 12.0 Tax Expense/Other Deductions 11.9 11.9 12.0 11.9 12.0 12.3 11.9 11.9 12.0 **Total Cost of Electric Service** 36 82.0 419.4 445.6 456.9 462.1 484.1 499.6 508.0 522.9 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.5 0.5 0.7 Non-Operating Margins 0.4 0.5 0.6 .9 \$23.2 \$25.1 \$24.0 \$22.0 \$21.0 \$19.1 \$16.2 \$19.0 \$22.1 Margins PF **TED BALANCE SHEET** Assets 1,449.0 1,545.4 1.5 1.455.5 1.505.3 Net Utility Plant 1,47 1,445.3 1,461.9 1,464.8 1,487.5 130.0 Total Other Property & Investments 45.4 50.5 52 61.0 80.3 103.0 110.2 117.0 123.7 186.5 Total Current & Accrued Assets 225.1 206.2 219.0 207.0 193.5 189.4 185.7 183.3 Deferred Debits 92.9 88.0 83.6 80.1 76.6 73.2 69.7 66.3 62.9 59.5 **Total Assets** \$1,908.7 \$1,864.1 \$1,829.6 5 \$1,819.5 \$1,818.7 \$1,831.3 \$1,833.9 \$1,857.4 \$1,881.2 Liabilities & Patronage Capital 281.7 342.5 408.1 Total Margins & Equities 247.3 260.8 03.6 324.0 357.9 376.2 395.3 871.1 093.7 38.8 962.9 1,045.1 980.1 Total Long Term Debt 1,265.7 1,203.3 1,146.2 915.1 133.9 284.2 Total Current & Accrued Liabilities 132.6 133.9 131.8 1δ. 228.9 136.8 178.0 238.8 Total Other Non-current Liabilities 263.1 266.2 269.9 274 279.1 284.4 291.5 299.6 308.2 317.8 \$1,829.6 \$1.5 .5 1,819.5 \$1,881.2 Total Liabilities & Patronage Capital \$1,908.7 \$1,864.1 1,818.7 \$1,831.3 \$1,833.9 \$1,857.4 PROJECTED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS \$15.9 \$23.2 \$25.1 ،22. \$19.0 \$22.1 \$19.1 Assignable Margins \$16.2 \$24.0 \$21.0 Total Adjustments to Assignable Margins 73.3 73.8 77.7 74.0 77.4 75.4 77.4 80.1 77.9 76.3 \$98.9 \$98.4 \$93.1 Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities \$93.6 \$91.3 \$96.5 \$101 \$99.6 \$99.1 \$98.9 Net Cash Used in Investing Activities (88.5)(52.4)(37.7)(45.7)(8') (71.2)(85.2)(73.7)(92.6)(87.1)(53.4)(14.5)(4.8)Net Cash Provided by/(Used In) Financing Activities 21.7 (63.3)(61.1)(27.8)(12.5)(26.4)(7.1)Net Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents \$26.8 \$0.6 \$1.4 \$1.2 (\$24.5)(\$2.3)(\$0.1)(\$0.7)(\$1.2)(\$1.2)Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period 10.6 37.3 12.9 10.6 10.4 9.7 10.4 11.8 10.6 9.3 \$37.3 \$12.9 \$10.6 \$10.4 \$9.3 \$10.6 Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period \$9.7 \$10.4 \$11.8 \$10.6 SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION & RATIOS \$16.2 \$23.2 \$25.1 \$22.0 \$19.0 \$21.0 \$22.1 \$19.1 Margins \$15.9 \$24.0 1.34 1.49 1.56 1.43 1.47 1.53 1.46 Margins for Interest/Interest (MFI/I) 1.31 1.56 1.53 1.38 1.32 1.49 1.56 1.57 1.55 1.50 1.52 Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) 1.46 1.56 16% 18% 20% 22% 24% 26% 26% 28% 30% 32% **Equity Ratio**

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**EQUITY MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARIZED RESULTS** 

**Equity Management Plan** 

includes the summarized results of the 2026-2035

For informational purposes, the following includes the summarized results of the 2026-2035 Equity Management Plan utilizing a 1.75 TIER as recommended by CRA. 1.38

2026 – 2035 EQUITY MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARIZED RESULTS – 1.75 TIER VERSION

PROJECTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS										
(In Millions)	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Total Revenue	\$382.9	\$397.5	\$447.0	\$479.9	\$489.9	\$492.4	\$509.3	\$524.2	\$533.3	\$544.9
Fuel Expense	64.7	69.0	105.5	131.1	132.0	134.1	151.7	162.8	170.1	180.5
Purchased Power Expense	28.2	28.9	29.6	30.3	39.9	40.6	41.3	42.0	42.7	42.9
Operating & Maintenance Expense	94.9	98.2	100.9	103.0	105.2	107.5	109.8	112.2	114.6	117.1
General & Administrative Expense	44.6	46.1	46.9	47.1	48.2	49.3	50.4	51.5	52.7	53.9
Total Operations & Maintenance Expense	232.4	242.2	282.9	311.5	325.3	331.4	353.2	368.5	380.2	394.4
Depreciation/Amortization Expense	76.4	77.4	78.4	78.3	77.8	78.2	76.0	76.0	75.8	76.6
Net Interest Expense	46.4	50.5	46.0	43.7	41.4	39.4	40.5	40.4	38.0	37.5
Tax Expense/Other Deductions	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.3	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0
Total Cost of Electric Service	367.1	36 7	419.3	445.4	456.4	461.3	481.6	496.7	505.9	520.6
Non-Operating Margins		0.	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Margins	<u>J.2</u>	\$15.9	\$27.9	\$34.7	\$33.9	\$31.6	\$28.3	\$28.1	\$28.1	\$25.0
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Assets										
Net Utility Plant	1,545.4	1,519 5	1,478.0	1,445.3	1,455.5	1,449.0	1,462.0	1,464.8	1,487.4	1,505.2
Total Other Property & Investments	45.4	F 9	52.5	61.0	80.3	103.0	110.2	117.0	123.7	130.0
Total Current & Accrued Assets	225.1	J6.2		222.0	208.0	193.9	188.8	186.0	183.9	186.8
Deferred Debits	92.9	88.0	83.6	80.1	76.6	73.2	69.7	66.3	62.9	59.5
Total Assets	\$1,908.7	\$1,864.1	830.6	\$1.90	\$1,820.5	\$1,819.1	\$1,830.7	\$1,834.2	\$1,857.9	\$1,881.4
Liabilities & Patronage Capital										
Total Margins & Equities	247.3	260.8	5	31'	346 6	373.4	396.7	420.7	444.8	461.9
Total Long Term Debt	1,265.7	1,203.3	1,146.2		1.1	962.9	996.7	933.4	870.1	827.7
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	132.6	133.9	128.1	3.2	.66.0	198.4	145.8	180.5	234.8	274.0
Total Other Non-current Liabilities	263.1	266.2	269.9	74.3	279.1	284.4	291.5	299.6	308.2	317.8
Total Liabilities & Patronage Capital	\$1,908.7	\$1,864.1	\$1,830.6	\$1,808	\$1, `0.5	\$1,819.1	\$1,830.7	\$1,834.2	\$1,857.9	\$1,881.4
		PROJECT	TED STATEM	ENT OF CAS	H FLOWS					
Assignable Margins	\$16.2	\$15.9	\$27.9	\$34.7	\$33.9	8- 1	\$28.3	\$28.1	\$28.1	\$25.0
Total Adjustments to Assignable Margins	77.4	75.4	73.0	73.4	77.4	1.6	80.3	78.1	76.3	73.9
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$93.6	\$91.3	\$100.9	\$108.1	\$111.3	\$109.2	\$108.6	\$106.1	\$104.4	\$99.0
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(88.5)	(52.4)	(37.7)	(45.7)	(87.6)	(71.2)	(85.2)	(73.6)	(92.5)	(87.0)
Net Cash Provided by/(Used In) Financing Activities	21.7	(63.3)	(64.8)	(61.1)	(26.4)	(38.1)	(22.8)	(32.5)	(12.9)	(11.0)
Net Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$26.8	(\$24.5)	(\$1.7)	\$1.4	(\$2.7)	(\$0.0)	\$0.6	\$0.0	(\$0.9)	\$0.9
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	10.6	37.3	12.9	11.2	12.6	9.9	9.9	10.6	10.6	9.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$37.3	\$12.9	\$11.2	\$12.6	\$9.9	\$9.9	\$10.6	\$10.6	\$9.6	\$10.6
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Margins	\$16.2	\$15.9	\$27.9	\$34.7	\$33.9	\$31.6	\$28.3	\$28.1	\$28.1	\$25.0
Margins for Interest/Interest (MFI/I)	1.34	1.31	1.59	1.78	1.79	1.77	1.67	1.67	1.71	1.64
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Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER)	1.38	1.32	1.59	1.78	1.81	1.80	1.71	1.71	1.76	1.72
Equity Ratio	16%	18%	20%	22%	25%	28%	28%	31%	34%	36%
Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSC)	1.34	1.29	1.40	1.55	1.62	1.42	1.36	1.36	1.40	1.38

# CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Anchorage, Alaska

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**September 17, 2025** 

ACTIO	<u>ON REQUIRED</u>	AGENDA ITEM NO. VII. C. 1
<u>X</u>	Information Only Motion Resolution Executive Session Other	

# **TOPIC**

Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation (Foundation) Financial Services.

#### **DISCUSSION**

CTION DECIMPED

On May 19, 2023, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) membership passed bylaw amendment Article XII, Miscellaneous, Section 4. Utility Bill Round Up Program.

On November 20, 2024, the Chugach Board of Directors approved the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and for the Chief Executive Officer to form the Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation (Foundation).

On December 11, 2024, The Chugach Board of Directors appointed Susanne Fleek-Green, Jim Nordlund, and Dan Rogers to serve as the initial directors (Trustees) of the Foundation.

On August 27, 2025, the Chugach Board of Directors selected Jean Sauget and Irene Tresser to one-year terms; Bill Popp and Selma Khan to two-year terms; Katie Conway and Marnie Isaacs to three-year terms; and Rebecca Garrett to a four-year term on the Chugach Foundation Board of Trustees, effective October 1, 2025.

As the Foundation becomes fully operational and prepares to manage incoming donations, grant disbursements, and other financial transactions, it is necessary to establish relationships with professional financial service providers. Doing so will ensure the Foundation has the appropriate infrastructure in place to support transparent, accurate, and compliant financial operations in accordance with nonprofit best practices.

To support this objective, staff recommend formalizing agreements with the following service providers across three key financial areas:

- Accounting Services: Espelin & Associates, LLC to manage day-to-day bookkeeping, monthly financial reporting, budget tracking, and account reconciliations in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the Foundation's internal financial procedures.
- Banking Services: KeyBank to establish dedicated banking accounts to support receipt of donations, processing of grant payments, and financial oversight with appropriate internal controls and dual authorization.
- Tax Services: KPMG to provide annual tax filing support (Form 990) as required to maintain transparency and compliance with nonprofit reporting obligations.

Staff have identified and recommends the following providers for each financial service area along with their associated fees:

- Espelin & Associates, LLC Accounting Services,
- KeyBank Banking Services
- KPMG Tax Services

Formalizing these financial service relationships will allow the Foundation to operate independently and responsibly and will position it to meet financial governance standards and reporting requirements from inception.

#### **MOTION**

Move that the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors recommend the Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees approve the engagement of Espelin & Associates, LLC for accounting services, KeyBank for banking services, and KPMG for tax services.

# **Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation**

# **Financial Services Proposals**

# **Accounting Services**

- Proposed Vendor: Espelin & Associates, LLC
- *Scope of work:* Assist the Foundation on an ongoing basis in the capacity of Bookkeeper/Accountant, as directed by the Board of Trustees. Such assistance may include, but is not limited to:
  - o Entering all transactions for the bank account
  - o Reconciling the monthly bank account
  - o Preparing checks for awardees, as directed by the Trustees
  - Providing monthly, quarterly and/or annual financial statements including a Profit and Loss,
     Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flow
  - o Providing all requested information to the CPA firm who will prepare the annual 990 tax return
- Estimated Annual Cost: \$25,000
  - CPA \$200/hour
  - o Accounting Staff \$110/ hour
  - Espelin & Associates estimates that it will take ten (10) hours of the CPAs time to setup QuickBooks for the Foundation. Thereafter, they anticipate 10 15 hours of the accounting staff's time to handle day-to-day accounting services for an approximate annual cost of \$25,000. The proposed agreement from Espelin & Associates is included in this packet.

# **Banking Services**

- Proposed Vendor: KeyBank
- Scope of work: Banking Services for Small Business Interest Checking Account
- Estimated Annual Cost: \$350 (usage and other service charges)
  - o Chugach Electric Association currently uses KeyBank for banking services and using the same bank will streamline the process for transferring member donations to the Foundation.
  - Monthly maintenance fee is waived when the daily minimum balance in checking account is \$5,000.
  - Included in this proposal package is Small Business Checking Account Fees and Disclosures, Agreement for Small Business Debit Card and Electronic Funds Transfer Services, and the Deposit Account Agreement and Funds Availability Policy from KeyBank.

#### Tax/Audit Related

- Proposed vendor: KPMG
- Scope of Work: File annual IRS Form 990-EZ
- Estimated Annual Fees: \$3,000
  - o Form 990 \$2,000
  - o Audit Consolidation \$1,000



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September 12, 2025

Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees 5601 Electron Drive Anchorage, AK 99518

#### Dear Trustees:

Espelin & Associates, LLC is pleased to provide Chugach Association Charitable Foundation (the Foundation) with the professional services described below. This letter, and any other attachments incorporated herein (collectively, "Agreement"), confirms our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide. The engagement between you and our firm will be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

#### Scope of Engagement

The objectives of this engagement are to assist you on an ongoing basis in the capacity of Bookkeeper/Accountant, as directed by the Board. Such assistance may include, but is not limited to:

- Entering all transactions for the bank account
- Reconciling the monthly bank account
- Preparing checks for awardees, as directed by the Trustees
- Providing monthly, quarterly and/or annual financial statements including a Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flow
- Providing all requested information to the CPA firm who will prepare the annual 990 tax return

Our recommendations regarding procedures to be performed and the results of the procedures performed are dependent upon the accuracy and completeness of the representations and information that we receive from you. Accordingly, inaccurate or incomplete representations could result in inaccurate findings or inappropriate recommendations, and critical recommendations may not be identified.

## Client Responsibilities

We will require the support of your personnel to achieve timely completion of the project. Support includes, but is not limited to, the collection of all relevant documents (paper or electronic) and the scheduling of interviews and coordination of meetings. Failure to receive such support in a timely manner may negatively affect our ability to fulfill the scope requirements described above within the agreed-upon timeframe.

# Management Functions

As a condition to our performing the services described above, you agree to:

- make all management decisions and perform all management functions, including determining account coding and approving all proposed journal entries;
- evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed;
- accept responsibility for the results of the services, including decisions regarding the implementation of any recommendations provided by us; and
- establish and maintain internal controls as well as monitor ongoing activities.

You agree that your management and employees are responsible for the accuracy and reliability of information provided to us, the proper recording of transactions in the records, the safekeeping of assets, and the accuracy of the financial statements.

#### CPA Firm Responsibilities

We will perform our services in accordance with the Statement on Standards for Consulting Services and applicable professional standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Such services do not constitute an audit, review, or any other attestation service as those services are defined in AICPA literature applicable to such engagements. Accordingly, these services will not result in the issuance of a written communication to third parties by Espelin & Associates, LLC regarding financial data or internal controls, expressing an opinion or conclusion or obtaining or providing any form of assurance.

This engagement is limited to the professional services outlined above. Espelin & Associates, LLC in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or performing management functions. However, we may provide advice and recommendations to assist management in performing its functions and making decisions.

Our engagement does not include any procedures designed to detect errors, fraud, or theft. Therefore, our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose such matters.

#### Timing of Engagement

We will begin the above engagement upon approval by the Board of Trustees and will continue until December 31, 2026, or until such time as either party provides notice of termination.

## **Professional Fees**

Our fees for the services outlined above will be billed on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the last day of the month at the following billing rates:

• CPA: \$200/hour

Accounting Staff: \$110/hour

Invoices are due upon receipt.

Our fees are not contingent on an action or event resulting from the analyses or conclusions in, or the use of, a report or other deliverable.

#### **Electronic Communication**

In the interest of facilitating our services to your company, we may communicate by facsimile transmission or send electronic mail over the Internet. Such communications may include information that is confidential to your company. Our firm employs measures in the use of facsimile machines and computer technology designed to maintain data security. While we will use reasonable efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, you recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent and consent to our use of these electronic devices during this engagement.

#### Termination and Other Terms

We reserve the right to withdraw from this engagement without completing the work if you fail to comply with the terms of this engagement letter. If any portion of this agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the finding shall not invalidate the remainder of the terms set forth in this engagement letter. The Foundation may terminate this agreement at any time with a minimum of 30-day notice; all amounts due must be paid upon termination.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation. Please date and sign the attached copy of this engagement letter and either scan the signed copy back to us via email or return it to us via USPS mail to acknowledge your agreement with its terms. It is our policy to initiate services after we receive the signed copy of this engagement letter from you.

Very truly yours,		
Espelin & Associates, LLC		
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APPROVED:		
Trustee	Date	_
Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation		

# Executive Session Motion (Financial) September 17, 2025

# **Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Regular Board of Directors' Meeting**

# Agenda Item X.

Move that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1) and (3) the Board of Directors go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; and 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative.

# Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska

Summary of Executive Session Topics for Regular Board of Directors' Meeting on September 17, 2025

Agenda Item X.

A. Discussion of confidential and sensitive information regarding an update of gas supply and storage, public disclosure of which could have an adverse effect on the finances and legal position of the Association. (AS 10.25.175(c)(1) and (3))