



CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Bettina Chastain, Chair
Mark Wiggin, Vice Chair

Harold Hollis, Director
Erin Whitney, Director
Rachel Morse, Director

October 13, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Chugach Board Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER *(4:00 p.m.)*
 - A. *Roll Call*
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA*
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*
 - A. *September 15, 2021 (Doyle)*
- IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
 - A. *Member Comments*
- V. NEW BUSINESS* *(scheduled) (4:05 p.m.)*
 - A. *Review Matrix of Operations Committee Agenda Items (Chastain/Thibert) (4:05 p.m.)*
 - B. *Member Survey (Hasquet/Clarkson) (4:20 p.m.)*
 - C. *Eklutna Update (Brodie/Hickey) (4:40 p.m.)*
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION* *(scheduled) (5:55 p.m.)*
 - A. *Labor Update (Clarkson)*
- VII. NEW BUSINESSSS *(none)*
- VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS *(6:15 p.m.)*
- IX. ADJOURNMENT* *(6:30 p.m.)*

* *Denotes Action Items*

** *Denotes Possible Action Items*

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

September 15, 2021
Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Recording Secretary: Ashton Doyle

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chastain called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

A. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Bettina Chastain, Chair
Mark Wiggin, Vice Chair
Erin Whitney, Director
Rachel Morse, Director

Board Members Present:

Sam Cason, Director
James Henderson, Director (*via teleconference*)

Committee Member Absent:

Harold Hollis, Director

*Guests and Staff Attendance
Present:*

Arthur Miller	Mark Fouts	Mark Norman
Arden Quezon	Matthew Clarkson	Bart Armfield,
Lee Thibert	Kate Ayers	Consultant

Via Teleconference:

Connie Owens	Brian Hickey	Juliet Cruz
Sherri Highers	Scarlett Masten	

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Lee Thibert, Chief Executive Officer requested to add REAP Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) discussion in Executive Session. No objections were made.

Director Morse moved and Director Whitney seconded the motion to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wiggin was not present during the vote.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Morse moved and Director Whitney seconded the motion to approve the August 11, 2021, Operations Committee Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wiggin was not present during the vote.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- A. *Member Comments*
None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. *Sale of Renewable Energy Certificates*
- B. *Net Metering*
- C. *Update to Renewable Energy Plan*
- D. *Beluga River Unit (BRU) Update*
- E. *BRU Regulatory Plan*

At 4:06 p.m., Director Whitney moved and Director Morse seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1) and (3) the Board Operations Committee go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding financial matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; and, 2) to discuss legal matters with its attorneys, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wiggin was not present during the vote.

Director Wiggin arrived during Executive Session and time was not noted.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:17 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Sale of Renewable Energy Certificates (Ayers/Miller)*
Director Morse moved, and Director Wiggin seconded the motion that the Operations Committee recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to adopt a Renewable Energy Certificate Sale Program to offer to its members to meet the demand expressed by willing local buyers, enhance member relationships, and to keep the environmental attributes of Fire Island Wind RECs within the community. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. *Net Metering (Skaling/Miller)*
Director Wiggin moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion that the Operations Committee recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to file a request with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to increase

Chugach's tariffed net metering cap from 1.5 percent to 5 percent of average retail demand. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Comments were made at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m., Director Wiggin moved and Director Morse seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

TO: Lee Thibert, Chief Executive Officer

THRU: Brian Hickey, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Mike Brodie, Plant Manager, Peaking Hydro Plants

DATE: October 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Eklutna Update

Work Activities – 1991 Fish & Wildlife Agreement Project

Completed Activities through 3rd Quarter – 2021 Study Plan

- Installed Dam Maintenance Gate for conveying water from Eklutna Lake into Eklutna River for Study Flows
- Quarterly Update Meetings - Completed September 10, 2021
- Developed Public Safety Plan for Study Flow Releases
- Study Flows Completed – September 13 – October 6, 2021
 - 150 cfs – September 13 - 24
 - 75 cfs – September 24 – 29
 - 25 cfs – September 29 – October 6
- Bid and Awarded 2022 Contracts for Wetlands/Wildlife (ABR), Recreation (R&M), and Cultural Resource Consultants (Cultural Resources) – All Alaska-Based Firms
- Quarterly Update Meetings – All Interested Parties
- Technical Working Group Meetings – Develop/Collaborate Study Plan Development
- Maintaining Project Website – www.eklutnahydro.com
- Outreach Meetings – MOA Assembly, Eklutna Village, Community Councils and AWWU
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Study Permit Acquisition – ADNR, ADF&G, USF&W, Eklutna Inc, VNVE, AWWU, and State Parks
- Memorandum of Agreements w/ 1991 F&W Agreement signers – State of Alaska and Federal
- Liability Waivers/Consents – USFW, NMFS, ADF&G, ADNR, ADOT, ARR, Eklutna Inc, and MOA
- Strategic Consultation

Projected Activities – 4th Quarter 2021

- Wrapping up 2021 field work, including (Likely by end of October 2021):
 - Surveying geomorphology transects – Start October 7
 - Fish sampling in the river and the lake – End of October
 - Adult salmon counts and coordination with NVE – End of October

- Water quality sampling and data download – Continue thru Winter
- Evaluate 2021 Study Data
- Completion of all 2021 Studies – Reports in 2022
- Introduction of new consultants to the Eklutna drainage area – Field Trip
- Prepare 2022 Study Plan with TWG
- Formalize 2022 Budget
- Quarterly Update Meeting