



Chugach Electric Association's

Outlet

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Members share millions in capital credits

If you were a Chugach customer in 1987, the utility may have a check for you.

Chugach is a member-owned cooperative, and its membership is made up of the customers who buy power from the utility. As a cooperative, any margins (known as profits by other businesses) the utility earns in a given year are allocated back to the members of record who were billed for service in that year. The allocation varies from year to year.

The program that allocates, notices, tracks and returns margins to individual members is known as capital credits.

Margins are reinvested in the cooperative and used to hold down expenses before eventually being returned to the members of record once Chugach's board of directors authorizes a retirement. The cycle Chugach uses to invest, use and return margins is about 20 years.

Last November the Chugach board authorized the return of the last of the capital credits on the books from 1987, a year in which retail members shared \$4.3 million in margins. Another \$500,000 was paid in discounted capital credits. A similar action by the board in 2005 authorized the return of a portion of the 1987

capital credits.

Chugach mailed checks to members of record from 1987 after the board authorized retirements. Postcard notices were mailed to members who had not cashed a check from an earlier retirement. Many of the checks were either not cashed or were returned as undeliverable. In all, about 15,000 members of record are still eligible for their share of about \$4.3 million in unclaimed capital credits.

To prevent the unclaimed capital credits from being submitted to the state, and preserve them for members of record who might make a

claim on them in the future, in June Chugach is publishing a list of the names of the members of record who have not yet cashed their 1987 capital credits checks.

The list ran as an insert in the Anchorage Daily News on June 3, 10, 17 and 24. It also included a form so that if a person's name appears on the list, or if someone has information that may help Chugach locate someone listed, the form may be completed and forwarded to Chugach. The list and form will also be available online June 1 at Chugach's home page at www.chugachelectric.com.

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Suspect arrested in pole cutting incidents

On May 15, CEO Bill Stewart said thank you to Donald Powell, the man who called in

a tip May 12 after spotting a man with a bicycle and chain saw boarding a bus. Powell's call led to the arrest of a suspect who has been charged with three counts of criminal mischief in the First Degree.

To date, Chugach has found two poles cut more than half way through on its system, while Anchorage Municipal Light & Power found one partially cut pole.

Powell had read the May 12 morning newspaper that discussed a

suspect seen cutting a power pole near 36th Avenue and the Old Seward Highway on May 10.

Tampering with power poles can be a dangerous business. In addition, poles that are compromised can cause thousands of dollars in damages, and extensive power outages for customers.

Chugach is asking people who notice a damaged pole to report it to their electric utility. The cuts to the power poles discovered so far have been made near the ground and will be difficult to spot

once grass and weeds begin to grow.



If you see damage to a pole such as the above chain saw cut, call Chugach at 563-7494, ML&P at 279-7671 or APD Dispatch at 786-8900.



Donald Powell and CEO Bill Stewart

Chugach sets new transformers

Chugach recently set two transformers at its new Postmark distribution substation located on airport property off Point Woronzof Road, west of Postmark Drive. The \$5.5 million substation will primarily serve the airport and provide for the growing demand for power at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.



Chugach recently set one of two transformers at the new Postmark Substation.

The initial work on the Postmark Substation began in 2003 when Chugach determined a general design and a location for the substation. In 2004 and 2005, Chugach completed the initial design work and – as the substation is subject to a permit from the airport – began negotiations for a lease area

under the existing transmission lines. In 2006, Chugach completed the substation design and purchased the materials to begin construction. Chugach anticipates the substation project will be completed near the end of this year.

Keep meter bases clear

Chugach sometimes needs to get to the meter base, or other equipment located in easements on your property, to do repairs, troubleshooting or maintenance. Members should maintain clear access for a

minimum of 3 feet in front and on both sides of the meter base. Please keep Chugach's equipment accessible to our employees. For more information, call 762-7655.

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Capital credits from these retirements that have not been claimed by Dec. 27, 2007, will be retained by Chugach. Members of record may continue to claim their unpaid capital credits

beyond this date. Questions may be directed to Chugach's Capital Credits section at (907) 762-4643 or to Customer Service at (907) 563-7366.

Your Board at work

Your Board is charged with the management of the business and the affairs of the Association. Significant Board activity in May includes:

- The hiring of a Board attorney to provide legal advice and second opinions to assist Board decisions.
- The recording of Board executive sessions.
- Supporting the investigation of wind power at Fire Island, as well as other renewables; however, the Board opposes the earmarking of Chugach's share of the Railbelt Energy

Fund solely for use at Fire Island.

- The hiring of a Board labor advisor to review the status of negotiations and other labor matters as necessary.
- Returning the CEO goals and Chugach mission statement to the Operations Committee for further review and changes.

The Board will be reviewing and updating all Board policies to determine compliance with Association bylaws, articles of incorporation and state law.

Right tree, right place

Trees and shrubs can provide energy savings as well as enhance the beauty and value of your home.

Planting evergreens can create a winter windbreak for your home, and planting trees which lose their leaves in the fall can provide shade in the summer while allowing the sun to shine through on short Alaskan winter days.

If you are thinking of planting, choose the appropriate tree or shrub to minimize conflicts between trees and utility lines. Planting in utility easements can

make it difficult for Chugach or other utilities to gain access to maintain their facilities. The result could mean your landscaping might need to be moved or trimmed.

Chugach is certified by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Line USA utility, and has a certified arborist on staff to help customers determine what type of plants and trees should be planted near utility rights of way. Call Chugach at 762-7660, or log on to our web site at www.chugachelectric.com for more information.

Contact us

Main number	563-7494
Toll free	(800) 478-7494
Member service	563-7366
Member service fax	762-4678
Business and commercial	762-7876
Credit	563-5060
Power theft hotline	762-4731
Danger tree hotline	762-7227
Underground locates	278-3121
Regulatory Commission of Alaska or	(800) 390-2782 276-6222
To report a power outage	
In Anchorage	762-7888
Outside Anchorage	(800) 478-7494

Hours

Member Service lobby:
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Personnel policy

"It is a policy of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., to recruit, hire, train, compensate and promote persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, veterans status, age or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state, or local law." Chugach is also an affirmative action employer.

Monthly residential service costs (based on 700 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.42
Energy charge \$0.09282 x kwh =	\$64.97
Fuel adjustment \$0.03415 x kwh =	<u>\$23.91</u>
Fuel surcharge effective 4/1 - 6/30/07	
Sub-total	\$97.30
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 1.95
RCC charge \$0.000364 x kwh =	<u>\$ 0.25</u>
Total bill	\$99.50