

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

**April 9, 2025**  
**Wednesday**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Heather Slocum

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Rogers called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*A. Roll Call*

*Committee Members Present:*

Jim Nordlund, Chair – *via teleconference*

Dan Rogers, Vice Chair

Sisi Cooper, Director – *via teleconference*

Bettina Chastain, Director – *via teleconference*

Mark Wiggin, Director

*Board Members Present:*

Susanne Fleek-Green, Director

Rachel Morse, Director – *via teleconference and in-person*

*Guests and Staff Attendance Present:*

Arthur Miller

Sherri Highers

Matthew Clarkson

Andrew Laughlin

Allan Rudeck

Katie Millen

Julie Hasquet

Dustin Highers

Trish Baker

Josh Travis

Whitney Wilkson

Nick Szymoniak

Adam Lutchansky

Taylor Asher

David Caye

Josh Resnick

Bianca Cross

Eugene Ori

Dan Herrmann

Randall Chicola

Sean Skaling

Emily Mueller

Mark Henspeter

Kate Ayers

Bill Herman, Member

Bernie Smith, Member

Marnie Isaacs, Member

Alex Petkanas, Member

Sean Ellenson, McMillen

Angela Kuest, HDR

*Via Teleconference:*

Stephanie Huddell

Sandra Cacy

Amanda Mankel

Buddi Richey

Brett Pherson

Teresa Kurka

David Parish

Samantha Owen,

McMillen

Katherine Jernstrom,

Member

Andrew McDonnell,

Alaska Renewables

Walter Chapman, Member

Mitch Roth, Member

Donovan Russoniello, Member

George Donart, Member

Gary Newman, Non-member

Kim Henkel, MEA

Betsy McCracken, Member

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director Wiggin moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Wiggin moved, and Director Chastain seconded the motion to move Director Comments prior to Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Director Wiggin moved, and Director Chastain seconded the motion to approve March 19, 2025, Operations Committee Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

- A. Donovan Russoniello, Member, provided testimony to the Committee.
- B. George Donart, Member, provided testimony to the Committee.
- C. Mitchell Roth, Member, provided testimony to the Committee.
- D. Bill Herman, Member, provided testimony to the Committee.
- E. Bernie Smith, Member, provided testimony to the Committee.
- F. Alex Petkanas, Member, provided testimony to the Committee.

*Director Morse arrived in person at 4:25 p.m.*

## **V. NEW BUSINESS\*\***

- A. *Renewable Projects Update, Integration (D. Highers)*  
Dustin Highers, Vice President, Corporate Programs, and Adam Lutchansky, Manager, Decarbonization Program, presented on renewable projects update and answered questions from the Committee.
- B. *Legislative Update\*\* (Baker)*  
Trish Baker, Sr. Manager, Government & Business Affairs, presented an update on legislative activities and responded to questions from the Committee.
- C. *Chugach & Homer Electric Association Mutual Aid Agreement (Clarkson)*  
Matthew Clarkson, Chief Legal Officer, presented the Mutual Aid Agreement and answered questions from the Committee.

## **VI. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director comments were made at this time.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

- A. *Security Update (Resnick/Cross)*
- B. *Gas Supply Update, Subject to NDA (Rudeck)*
- C. *Renewable Project Update, Subject to NDA (D. Highers)*

At 6:43 p.m., Director Wiggin moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1), (3) and (4), 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; 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the im-mediate knowledge of which could have an

adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative; and 3) discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

*Director Rogers left the meeting during Executive Session. The time was not noted. The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:28 p.m.*

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS \*\***

##### *A. 2030 Energy and Integration Projects\*\* (Rudeck/D. Highers)*

Director Cooper moved, and Director Nordlund seconded the motion that the Operations Committee recommend that the Chugach Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to move forward with the development of the 2030 Renewable Energy and Integration Projects and provide final investment decision recommendations to the Board by year-end 2025 for solar and integration projects, and by July 1, 2026, for the wind project. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:29 p.m., Director Nordlund moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.