

Planning for winter gas supply



Chugach's Southcentral Power Project

As the summer months pass with what seems to be lightning speed, Chugach continues planning and preparing for gas supply in the

upcoming winter and beyond. Over the past several months, we have been working on several fronts to ensure we have what's needed to keep safe, reliable, affordable power coming to our members.

We are leveraging our majority interest in the Beluga River Unit gas field which currently produces more gas than needed, allowing storage for future use. Additionally, a gas balancing agreement reached with Hilcorp Alaska in December 2024 extends consistent gas supply

through early 2029. Beyond the near term, Chugach's ongoing efforts include negotiating liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports and monitoring plans for a possible gas line from Alaska's North Slope.

As multiple efforts are underway to meet the energy needs of Chugach members, we also have the flexibility to support other utilities during periods of high demand or unexpected disruptions. By planning for both, energy security is improved throughout the Railbelt. {191355190}

Electric vehicles at work in local fleets

Chugach Electric now has six electric vehicles (EVs) in our fleet: four 2026 Chevy Silverado EVs; a 2024 Ford F-150 Lightning; and a 2017 Chevy Bolt. The Silverados have over 490 miles of range, easily two round trips from Anchorage to Cooper Landing before needing a charge. The EVs require less maintenance and cut fuel costs by more than 80% compared to the gas pickups they replaced, benefiting both Chugach and our members.

Local businesses are experiencing similar positive results. Alyeska Tire uses four Ford F-150 Lightning pickups to move inventory and a Ford Mustang Mach-E for admin use. Owner Craig Wortham said that since buying the EVs a couple of years ago, his staff prefers driving them, and they log more miles than the fleet's gasoline pickups. Fewer moving parts also means less maintenance and downtime, and no fuel stops during the day, since the vehicles charge overnight. For Alyeska Tire, the cost per mile fueled by electricity is less than half the cost of gasoline.



A Chugach fleet Silverado EV at a construction site in Moose Pass during installation of an EV fast charger in June 2026

"I found the EVs so efficient and economical that I purchased one for myself," Wortham added.

Chugach can provide a demonstration of our charging site for commercial members considering fleet EVs. Contact Chugach Electric's Business Development Team at ev@chugachelectric.com to discuss fleet electrification.

Connecting with leaders in DC

Chugach leadership joined the Alaska Power Association's annual Federal Legislative Conference in June, meeting with members of Congress and federal officials to discuss the future of energy in Alaska.

The event brought together utility leaders from across Alaska for a valuable opportunity to engage directly with federal policymakers and advocate for issues that matter most to our state. Conversations focused on key priorities such as energy security, hydropower development, infrastructure investment, cybersecurity technology, and streamlining line clearing efforts on federal lands.

Chugach also met with officials from the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and highlighted Alaska's unique energy challenges and opportunities while exploring ways to strengthen federal support for critical projects across the state. {1212438}



In the community: Live After Five

Chugach sponsored the Anchorage Downtown Partnership's Live After Five concert on July 9. Connecting with community is a priority for Chugach, and we enjoyed talking with members and listening to live music from the band I Like Robots.



CHUGACH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

From Engineering to Operations to Member Services, all of Chugach's roughly 450 employees live and work in Alaska.

Each month we introduce you to one of our employees who works every day to provide safe, reliable power to our members.



Name: Marcus Lopez

Position: Journeyman Wireman
Leadman

Time at Chugach: 18 years

Marcus says his proudest accomplishment at work has been working with a team of great craftsmen in the Facilities Department.



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