



## RCA accepts acquisition filing

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) has accepted Chugach Electric Association's filing for the acquisition of Municipal Light & Power (ML&P). On April 1, Chugach filed an Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement with the RCA for its review and approval of the acquisition and an application to expand its service territory under its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include the service territory currently served by ML&P.

Following Chugach's effort, the RCA accepted the filing and opened a 30-day public comment period. Of the 25 comments filed, 22 were in favor of the RCA approving the acquisition. The parties are now engaged in the normal discovery process with questions and answers going back and forth.

## Electric Vehicle use is growing

The number of all-electric vehicles registered in the Municipality of Anchorage more than doubled in the past year. Most of the vehicles are Teslas, along with Chevy Bolts, Nissan Leafs, and BMW i3s. In addition to all-electric vehicles, there are a larger number of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) which are vehicles with both gasoline engines and electric motors that can be plugged in to charge the battery.

The global number of electric vehicles sold has grown rapidly from just a few thousand in 2010 to over two million in 2018, and annual sales are expected to increase to 28 million in 2030, according to BloombergNEF's Electric Vehicle Outlook 2019.

The vast majority of vehicle charging takes place at home, so vehicles leave home with a full charge

Hearings on the acquisition are set for August and September, and the RCA has indicated it will issue a decision by mid-November.

Additional time may be necessary, but if the schedule holds, Chugach anticipates the deal will close around April 1, 2020.



*Chugach management team and board members update ML&P employees on the integration of the two utilities.*

each day. The range for most all-electric vehicles is in excess of 200 miles. Public and workplace charging stations are

available and growing. Chugach provides a public charger at no cost in its own parking lot. The app or website [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com) is a popular map of public charging stations, including those in Alaska.

Information about electric vehicles, including models can be found at sites like [forthmobility.org](http://forthmobility.org). Most vehicle manufacturers are developing electric models for sale in coming years.

Chugach will continue to plan for and help educate its members about electric vehicles.



## Earthquake damaged pole replaced

Chugach crews had a challenging job in early May, changing out a power pole that was severely damaged from a rockslide triggered by the Nov. 30, 2018 earthquake. The pole is located at Mile 106 of the Seward Highway and serves the community of Rainbow.

After planning, coordinating, and securing permits with the Department of Transportation, crews had to hike into the pole site on the side of the mountain. The broken pole had to first be dug out using a small excavator before the new pole could be installed.

Chugach worked with Alpha Aviation who

provided helicopter support to fly out the damaged pole, and fly in both the excavator and the new pole. The job was completed safely and without incident.



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## Alaska Run for Women

Chugach was proud to be a part of the 2019 Alaska Run for Women. Celebrating 27 years, the Alaska Run for Women is one of the largest all-women runs in the country. Money raised from donations goes to fund breast cancer research, education, outreach, prevention, and early detection. Team High Voltage raised over \$1,000 for the 2019 event. {1069919}



Here's a cool tip for your fridge! Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in your refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder.



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