



Applications accepted for Member Advisory Council

The Chugach Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to serve on a Member Advisory Council (MAC). The MAC would advise the board as an ad hoc committee on issues impacting the member-owned electric cooperative.

MAC volunteers will assist in the overall effort to get more

engagement from members, provide feedback on emerging issues within the electric utility, and connect members to the governance structure of the member-owned cooperative.

Additionally, the MAC will help identify candidates for election committees and board seats.

Applications are available at chugachelectric.com on the Board of Directors page and are due by the close of business on Sept. 24, 2021.

MAC members will be appointed in the fall and asked to serve a one-year term. Meetings will begin in January 2022.

Linemen praised for helping after accident

A Soldotna resident is thankful after the quick action of two linemen who helped him after an accident on the Seward Highway in March. John Miley sent a letter of praise to Chugach's CEO outlining the help he received from linemen Travis Schultz and Brett Ekstrand after his pickup hit a patch of black ice and rolled near Tern Lake. Mr. Miley writes that the Chugach linemen helped him out of his truck, cleaned up the vehicle parts from the highway, retrieved his personal belongings from the truck, called emergency responders, and invited him to wait in the Chugach vehicle until help arrived.

With his wife out of state and friends at work, Mr. Miley says, "Frankly, I don't know what I would have done without them." He added, "It goes to show that there are still a lot of good people around." Ultimately, the Chugach linemen drove Mr. Miley home after the accident. A retired dentist, he added, "These two are absolutely the best. I hope you remember their names because employees just don't get any better than these two."

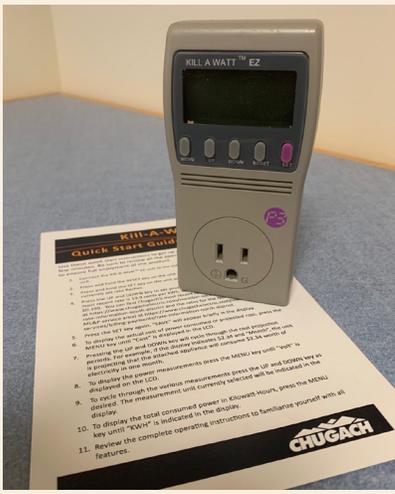


Chugach linemen Travis Schultz and Brett Ekstrand.



Soldotna resident John Miley with his new truck (left). Miley's old truck after the accident in March near Tern Lake (above).

Thank you to Mr. Miley for writing to Chugach about the accident. We are proud and appreciative of the kind and quick actions of our employees. {191329128}



Check out Kill-A-Watt

Chugach members may borrow a Kill-A-Watt meter for up to two weeks to monitor the power consumption of your home appliances and devices. Any home electrical device, using a standard 120-volt plug, can be used with the Kill-A-Watt meter to determine the actual and projected cost of the device on an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis.

These easy-to-use devices help inform both kids and adults how much appliances and devices add to an electric bill. They are also great for understanding *vampire* or *phantom load*, the devices that still draw electricity even when they are turned off. To borrow a Kill-a-Watt meter, stop by our office.

Busy schedule for Chugach construction projects

Chugach has several projects scheduled to improve reliability for our members. Below is a short list of projects underway or coming up:

Old Seward Hwy. undergrounding

Work is underway undergrounding overhead conductors between Huffman and O'Malley. Construction is expected to be complete in the fall.

Arctic Road undergrounding

This project will underground the distribution lines along Arctic Road between Raspberry and Dimond. This Title 21 undergrounding project is scheduled for construction in the fall.

Substation 3 – Downtown

Substation 3 is a new distribution substation located in Downtown Anchorage. This new substation will allow Substation 9/9a, adjacent to the Coastal Trail off 2nd Avenue, to be retired. Commercial operation is expected later in 2021.

Cooper Landing feeder reconstruction

This project will reconstruct approximately four miles of line



Excavation for the Old Seward undergrounding project between Huffman and O'Malley roads.

between the Daves Creek and Kenai Lake substations. Designed to improve reliability to members in Cooper Landing, construction is scheduled for later in 2021.

Quartz Creek transmission line

There are two sections of line Chugach is working to rebuild for this project. The Summit Lake to Daves Creek section is tentatively scheduled to begin in Jan. 2023. The Indian to Girdwood section is tentatively scheduled for 2023/2024 construction.



Excavation south of Klatt Road for the undergrounding of overhead conductors on the Old Seward Highway.



Did you know that water heating could account for about 18% of energy consumed in your home? Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees, but most households usually only require them to be set at 120 degrees. Consider lowering your water heater's temperature to save energy and slow mineral buildup in the heater and pipes.

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