



## RCA decision delayed on ML&P acquisition

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) is extending the timeline for issuing a final decision on Chugach's acquisition of Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) up to 90 days, or May 28. The parties had been expecting a decision by Feb. 28. The RCA issued an order saying the commissioners need more time to consider the deal.

In April of 2018, Anchorage voters approved the sale of ML&P to Chugach by more than 65 percent. Following the vote, Chugach filed for approval of the transaction on April 1, 2019. After several weeks of hearings that started in August,

a settlement was reached that includes a total transaction value of \$999.6 million. If the RCA approves the transaction, Chugach expects to close within 120 days of that approval.

For the past several months, Chugach and ML&P employees have been working together, planning for how to integrate the two utilities. Once the transaction closes, ML&P customers will become members of Chugach and ML&P employees will become Chugach employees.

## Chugach partners with businesses on EV charging stations

Chugach is pleased to announce the five commercial members who were selected to be participants in an electric vehicle (EV) charging station research project. In exchange for research information, Chugach is providing funding toward the installation of "Level 2" charging stations with universal connectors that can charge any EV. The five members were selected competitively based on criteria such as geographic diversity and activities available while charging. They are:

- Alyeska Resort
- Creekbend Company, Hope
- Dimond Center
- JL Properties, South Restaurant retail center
- Municipality of Anchorage, parking lot east of Rustic Goat Restaurant

The Alyeska Resort charger has been in operation since Sept. 2019, the others will be installed after the ground thaws and before the end of June.

Chugach is working closely with the Alaska Energy Authority and other interested parties to effectively use approximately \$1M from the Volkswagen Settlement for EV charging on the roads of Southcentral and Central Alaska.



A federal tax credit is now available for the installation of electric vehicle chargers at residences and at places of work. The credit covers installations in calendar years 2018 through 2020. Information is contained on the Internal Revenue Service's Form 8911.

## Placer River transmission line to be relocated as part of road project

Chugach is moving about a mile of transmission line adjacent to the Placer River as part of a road improvement project. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is smoothing out the radius of the curve and putting in a new bridge over the Placer River. The work runs from Milepost 78 to 79 on the Seward Highway.

Working with contractor Northern Powerline Constructors (NPC), Chugach will move the transmission line that is currently next to the road, relocating it away from the roadway. The work includes installing four new structures and modifying three additional structures. Although

the road project is scheduled for this summer, Chugach's work is being done in March as the area is wetlands and there is significantly less environmental impact when the area is frozen. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has issued a permit to Chugach for the project.

While the job is underway, there will be intermittent road closers managed by NPC. To ensure safety, Chugach will advise USFS and a variety of stakeholder groups of the work being done to minimize any interactions between those working on the transmission line project and those recreating in the area.

## Annual Meeting and election notes

Chugach's annual membership meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center. {1186878}

### Two board seats open

Two candidates will be elected to the Chugach Board of Directors in the election. Both are 4-year terms. Members who are interested in running by

petition should call (907) 762-4791 to obtain a candidate packet. Petition applications must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, April 6.

More information and forms may be found at [www.chugachelectric.com/media/annual meeting](http://www.chugachelectric.com/media/annual%20meeting) or by calling (907) 762-4177.

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## Helping the homeless

Chugach employees continue to be involved in the community. Evie Wallace, Rebecca Versyp, and Darcel Burrell volunteered at Project Homeless Connect, a one-day event providing housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient one-stop model directly to people experiencing homelessness in Anchorage.



Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning



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