

## Chugach files review of base rates

Chugach filed a request with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) to update its base rates, which is known as a general rate case, on August 18. Chugach is requesting a 3% permanent increase to total retail bill levels compared to current rates. In the filing, Chugach states that it “continues to see increases in costs and declines in sales.”

Through June 2025, sales have decreased over 3%, primarily due to an unusually warm winter. These combined pressures have resulted in a revenue shortfall of approximately

\$11.2 million, according to the filing.

With the coming of fall and winter storms, Chugach officials say it is imperative that the utility is able to meet the needs of its members and ensure the utility has sufficient revenue to cover expenses and meet operational requirements.

In February of this year, Chugach members received a net rate increase on a total bill basis of 4.3%. However, the utility says, the combination of warmer weather, declining sales, increased costs, and the resulting decline in operating

margins of more than 40% threatens Chugach’s ability to meet minimum financial requirements.

In order to change base rates, a utility must request the change and approval from the RCA, which determines whether the rates are just and reasonable.

Members can estimate what their new rates would be if the increase is approved by using the rate calculator on the Chugach website: [www.chugachelectric.com/rate-calculator](http://www.chugachelectric.com/rate-calculator) {191302882}

## Volunteers needed for committees

Chugach is looking for members interested in serving on its 2026 Bylaws, Election, and Nominating committees, and the Member Advisory Council (MAC). These are an excellent opportunity to get involved with your electric cooperative. Applications are available at [www.chugachelectric.com/annual-meeting](http://www.chugachelectric.com/annual-meeting) and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3.

## Railbelt Reliability Council – What to know

The Railbelt transmission electric grid connects communities from Homer through Anchorage to Fairbanks. In 2020, a new law established an Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) for Alaska’s Railbelt.

The ERO is responsible for developing electric reliability standards that apply to all Railbelt electric utilities and for creating an Integrated Resource Plan that is intended to guide electric generation and transmission investments into the future. The Railbelt Reliability Council applied to serve as the ERO for the Railbelt and has served in that capacity since 2022. Public engagement is an important part of the process and is encouraged.

There are several ways to participate, ranging from joining a working group (application required), attending board meetings in-person or virtually, or submitting comments to the board in writing, in-person, or virtually. Participation is open to anyone who receives power from the Railbelt electric grid. More information about the Railbelt Reliability Council is available on their website: [www.akrrc.org](http://www.akrrc.org)



## Cents of Community trustees appointed

The Chugach Board of Directors has appointed a slate of seven Chugach members to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Cents of Community program. Starting in October, Chugach accounts will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and contributed to the program, which was approved by Chugach members in the 2023 election. The funds brought in will be distributed via a grant process, reviewed and selected by the member trustees, to 501 (c)(3) organizations in the Chugach service territory. The money will not be used to pay the electric bills of Chugach members.

Members who elect not to participate can unenroll through a dedicated helpline. The process is simple: call (907) 762-4129 and input your account number. Cents of Community is an opportunity to support local charitable organizations, helping build a stronger sense of community among our members. {1228120}

Trustee Name	Trustee Term
Katie Conway	3-year
Rebecca Garrett	4-year
Marnie Isaacs	3-year
Selma Khan	2-year
Bill Popp	2-year
Jean Sauget	1-year
Irene Tresser	1-year

## National Drive Electric & National Energy Awareness Month

Chugach is celebrating National Drive Electric Month and National Energy Awareness Month with a variety of events. Come celebrate with us:

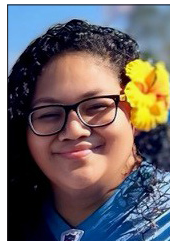
- **Trunk or Treat:** Visit our electric "frunk" at the Arc of Anchorage event on September 13 from 5-7 p.m.
- **Electrified Alaska Film Showing:** Chugach and Launch Alaska are co-hosting a showing of this short documentary on electric vehicles. Enjoy the film and talk to experts at The Nave on September 25. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., the film starts at 4. RSVP here: [tinyurl.com/4sz59csm](https://tinyurl.com/4sz59csm)
- **Efficient Fridays:** Join us in the lobby at the Chugach headquarters building (5601 Electron Dr.) on Fridays in October from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to learn about energy efficiency and Chugach programs



## 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:** Danielle Segal

**Position:** Engineering Receptionist

**Time at Chugach:** 12 years

Danielle says her proudest accomplishment at work is the relationships she has built across the company over the years.



During fall months HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time to schedule maintenance and any necessary repairs. A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure system components are working efficiently to keep you home cozy and warm when the temperatures begin to drop.



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### Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number in {brackets} in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach at 907-563-7366 to claim your prize.