



# Chugach Electric Association, Inc. **OUTLET**

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## Annual meeting and election May 19

Three Chugach members are running for two seats on the cooperative's board of directors in this year's election. Election results will be announced at the May 19 annual meeting at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center.

Chugach is a utility organized as a member-owned cooperative. The organization is governed

by a seven-member board elected by and from the membership. The candidates in the 2016 election are Bruce Dougherty, Susan Reeves and Ron Stafford.

Dougherty is a retired Health Programs Manager. Reeves is an attorney and managing member of Reeves Amodio LLC., and Stafford is a self-employed consultant.

The two candidates receiving the most votes will serve four-year terms.

Members will also vote on two proposed bylaw amendments. The first would clarify the duration of the term for a director appointed to fill a board vacancy and the second reconciles a provision of health insurance to comply with federal law.

The board set April 5 as the record date for voting in this year's election. Members have five ways to vote: using the Internet, telephone, mail service, secure drop box, or in-person at the meeting. Election materials will be

sent by April 18. Members have until noon on Monday, May 16 to return a paper ballot by mail or drop box, or until noon on Thursday, May 19 to vote via the Internet or telephonically.

New this year, win Early Bird voting prizes when you vote electronically. More information can be found at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) or in your voting packet when it arrives.

In-person voting will be allowed at the cooperative's annual meeting May 19 for members who haven't yet cast a ballot. Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.



Bruce Dougherty



Susan Reeves



Ron Stafford

## Utilities move forward on Beluga River gas field purchase

On March 11, Chugach and Municipal Light & Power submitted a request to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska for approval of the purchase of ConocoPhillips' one-third working interest in the Beluga River Unit (BRU) natural gas field.

If approved by the RCA, the agreement transfers 70 percent ownership of ConocoPhillips' interest to ML&P and 30 percent to Chugach. The total purchase price is \$152 million.

"We are pleased to be

moving forward with this great opportunity to partner with ML&P, ultimately providing more efficient and affordable energy to more Anchorage residents and businesses across the city," said Chugach CEO Brad Evans. "Acquiring low-cost,

reliable supplies of natural gas is key to serving our customers, and we know this purchase will have significant, long-term benefits for ratepayers."

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## Leadership transition coming in 2016

Chugach Chief Executive Officer Bradley Evans has announced he will be retiring this summer. In response, and after a deliberative process, the board of directors selected Lee Thibert as the next CEO of Chugach.

Both Evans and Thibert are longtime employees of Chugach, each with service back to the 1980s in a variety of leadership positions. Evans was named interim CEO in December 2007 and CEO in August 2008. Thibert is currently the se-

nior vice president of strategic development and regulatory affairs.

Evans will retire in mid-July, at which time Thibert will become CEO.



Bradley Evans



Lee Thibert

## Gas field (cont'd from page 1)

The Joint Request seeks approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the recovery of costs associated with the acquisition. The request includes the supporting economic analysis from National Economic Research Associates, Inc. and due-diligence reports on environmental, equipment, and reservoir analysis. The parties are requesting the RCA approve the transaction by April 21, 2016.

ML&P and Chugach expect the joint purchase of ConocoPhillips' interest to supply a significant portion of the utilities' gas needs over the next 18 years while saving the residents of Anchorage millions during the same period.

ML&P already owns one-third of the BRU. If the joint purchase of ConocoPhillips' interest at Beluga River is approved, ML&P will own 56.67 percent, Hilcorp will

own 33.33 percent, and Chugach will own 10 percent from the surface down to 7,000 feet. ML&P and Chugach will own 80 percent and 20 percent of the interests below 7,000 feet, respectively. Hilcorp is expected to be the operator of the field.

The BRU is located on the west side of Cook Inlet, approximately 35 miles from Anchorage. It is an established natural gas field originally discovered in 1962.

## Meter Replacement Project continues this spring

As part of ongoing system improvements, Chugach continues to install new meters through its Meter Replacement Project this spring. Chugach's existing meters were installed nearly 20 years ago and it is time for replacement. The project, which kicked off in summer 2015, invests in new technology that helps Chugach operate more efficiently and improve outage restoration. Chugach plans to deploy the new meters to all of its more than 80,000 retail service locations within the next few years. To date, more than 15,000 meters have been installed.

The upgraded system provides dispatchers in Chugach's power control center improved capabilities to detect outages, analyze them and coordinate restoration. The new meters also enable Chugach to perform several functions remotely, such as reading meters, connects and disconnects. {1167090}

The impact of the installation is minimal to members. When the exchange is planned for a member's neighborhood, the member will be notified via postcard. Then, a few days before the exchange, the member will receive a phone call reminding

them to clear the area around the meter for an easy exchange. During the installation, members can expect a very brief power interruption. Lastly, members will find an informational door hanger to confirm that the work was completed or to inform them that their assistance is needed to complete the installation. Following the swap, the next bill a member receives will show usage data from the old meter and the new meter. For additional information about the Meter Replacement Project visit [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) or call 907-762-4541.

## Follow us!

In an effort to spread the news of the good work of Chugach and its employees, we are stepping up our presence on social media. Follow the Chugach Electric page on Facebook and @chugachelectric on Twitter for updates on everything from paperless billing, to our ongoing work improving service and reliability, to outages. Through the power of these social media platforms—and your help in tracking and sharing our news—we can reach thousands of Alaskans every day. Communicating with our customers and building community partnerships will help Chugach be a better and stronger company overall. Follow us!



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**Corporate vision:** Powering Alaska's future

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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's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.

## Contact us

Hours

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<b>Member Services</b>	563-7366
<b>Member Services fax</b>	762-4678
<b>24-hour payment line</b>	762-7803
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<b>Power theft hotline</b>	762-4731
<b>Danger tree hotline</b>	762-7227
<b>Street light hotline</b>	762-7676
<b>Underground locates</b>	811
<b>Regulatory Commission of AK</b>	(800) 390-2782
<b>or</b>	276-6222
<b>To report a power outage</b>	
<b>In Anchorage</b>	762-7888
<b>Outside Anchorage</b>	(800) 478-7494

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monthly residential service costs (based on 600 kwh)	
Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.11470 x kwh =	\$68.82
Fuel \$0.04161 x kwh =	\$24.97
Purchased power \$0.00851 x kwh =	\$5.11
FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00174 x kwh =	<u>\$1.04</u>
<small>(Fuel, Purchased power and Fire Island Wind renewable energy adjustment factors pending Regulatory Commission of Alaska approval)</small>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$107.94</b>
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.16
Regulatory Cost Charge \$0.000732 x kwh =	<u>\$ 0.44</u>
<b>Total bill</b>	<b>\$110.54</b>