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Voters will be asked to approve ML&P sale to Chugach

On Thursday, December 21, Chugach CEO Lee Thibert joined Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz in announcing the Anchorage Assembly will be asked to place a proposition on the April 2018 municipal ballot allowing voters to authorize the sale of Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) to Chugach Electric Association. The announcement came after the Anchorage Assembly in June unanimously passed a resolution asking the two utilities to explore unification opportunities.

Both Mayor Berkowitz and Thibert said the sale is a great opportunity to protect taxpayers and ratepayers. Thibert said the transaction would result in hundreds of millions of dollars in savings over several decades; rates will not

go up as a result of the transaction; and there will be no lay-offs as a result of the transaction. Thibert went on to say that as a regulated electric utility, lower costs translate to lower electric rates. The lower costs are primarily the result of economies of scale and efficiencies realized from combining the utilities.

The Assembly will work on ballot language in January to be placed on the April 3 municipal ballot. Prior to the Assembly's June resolution, the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation in April convened a working group of local business leaders who sent a letter urging the two utilities to explore merger opportunities and other efforts to save ratepayers money.

Chugach tests electric vehicle technology

In an effort to promote the use of electric vehicles (EV) in Alaska, Chugach Electric Association has purchased an all-electric 2017 Chevy Bolt. The member-owned utility has also installed an electric vehicle charging station in front of its headquarters building that is available for public use.

The EV purchase and testing is also in line with the utility's business philosophy of sustainability which says that social and environmental impacts are considered, along with financial, when evaluating business performance.

Chugach held a naming contest with its employees, and the name chosen for the EV was "Wattson." Chugach employees will be driving Wattson to work-related events and meetings. The utility will also showcase the EV at renewable energy fairs, school events, and other community-related activities. {1128349}

EV highlights include:

- An EV charged by Chugach-generated power is responsible for an estimated 62 percent less carbon dioxide than an average-efficiency gasoline power passenger vehicle;
- An EV emits no cold-start carbon monoxide and other pollutants;



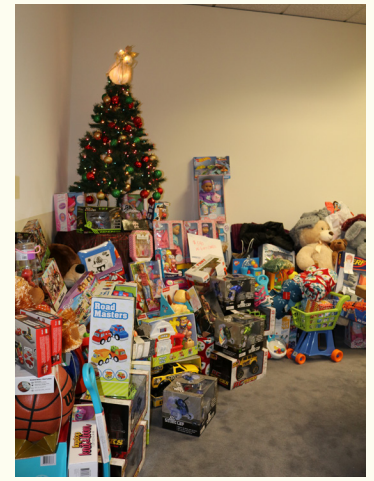
Wattson charging at Chugach headquarters

- EVs cost less to power than an equivalent vehicle costs in fuel;
- No more stopping at gas stations, no oil changes;
- Convenient charging at home;
- Greater acceleration, quieter operation, and long brake life due to regenerative braking,

Chugach installed a ChargePoint electric vehicle charging station, the largest network of EV charging stations in the U.S., which is available for public use when visiting Chugach.

Chugach employees give generously

Chugach employees once again showed their generous spirit in supporting the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Dozens of toys were donated, along with hundreds of dollars in gift cards. We are pleased to help Anchorage families have a happy holiday season.



Chugach donates hundreds of turkeys to charity

Continuing a long tradition, Chugach Electric donated 450 turkeys to 10 local charities as part of its annual community outreach over the holiday season. Chugach has donated turkeys to local non-profits as a way to help fill the need for holiday meals and food baskets throughout the local area for the past 16 years.



Annual Meeting and election notes

Chugach's annual membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center.

Two directors will be elected to 4-year terms on the Chugach board in the upcoming 2018 election.

Members who are interested in meeting with and being considered by the Nominating Committee or running by petition should call 907-762-4791 to obtain a candidate packet. Candidate applications and resumes for the Nominating Committee's review must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018.

Members may submit proposed bylaw changes until 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.

Bylaw proposals or candidate nomination packets should be submitted to: Tom Schulman, PO Box 196300 Anchorage, AK 99519-6300 or tom_schulman@chugachelectric.com.

More information and forms may be found at www.chugachelectric.com/annual-meeting or by calling 907-762-4177.



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- 2) Under the person icon in the top right hand corner, select "Communication Settings."
- 3) Under "+Add Notification" select "Outage" and enter your desired contact method and information.

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