

## Chugach members elect directors

Bettina Chastain, Sisi Cooper and Bruce Dougherty were elected to the Chugach board of directors. Election results were announced at the cooperative's annual meeting Thursday evening, May 14. Ron Stafford was also a candidate in the election.

The two candidates receiving the most votes, Chastain and Cooper, were elected

to 4-year terms. Dougherty was elected to a special 1-year term created by a recent resignation from the board.

Chastain is a self-employed executive and engineering consultant. Cooper is a project engineer with Doyon Anvil, first elected to the board in 2012. Dougherty is a health program manager with the State of Alaska.



Bettina Chastain



Sisi Cooper



Bruce Dougherty

## Scammers again threaten disconnection

An old scam targeting utility customers is back. Scammers have been calling Chugach members recently and threatening that their electric service will be disconnected immediately if a supposed past-due bill isn't paid. The goal of the scammers is to obtain credit card or other financial information.

Chugach does not do business this way.

Before service is disconnected for non-payment,

Chugach follows steps laid out in its tariff. Those steps include advance notifications via US Mail. Chugach also does not take credit card payments directly, but instead refers customers wishing to pay by credit card to a third-party payment service.

Municipal Light & Power, Homer Electric Association and Golden Valley Electric Association also reported their customers had received similar calls in May.

In all, 11 percent of the 68,995 Chugach members of record voted, with a little more than 39 percent of the votes cast electronically via the Internet or phone. A total of 184 Chugach members registered at the annual meeting, with about 400 people at the event held at the Dena'ina Center.

In other voting, Chugach members approved a proposed bylaw change that assists in the transition to electronic voting as the

### Board elects officers

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers to serve for the next year. The officers are:

Janet Reiser, Chair  
 Susan Reeves, Vice Chair  
 Sisi Cooper, Treasurer  
 Bruce Dougherty, Secretary

primary means of voting in future Chugach elections.

### Election summary

Members of record for the 2015 election	68,995
Returned mail ballot envelopes	4,721
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	4,578
Electronic ballots cast	3,025
Members that registered at the annual meeting	184
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	88
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	84
Total ballots cast in the 2015 election	7,830
Total valid ballots cast in the 2015 election	7,687
Percentage of members of record with a valid vote	11%

### Director's election

(Seats on the board to be filled by the three candidates receiving the most votes)

Stanislava "Sisi" Cooper	5,816
Bettina Chastain	5,802
Bruce Dougherty	5,281
Ron Stafford	2,652

### Bylaw amendments

	Yes	No
Transition to electronic voting as the primary means of voting	5,079	2,439

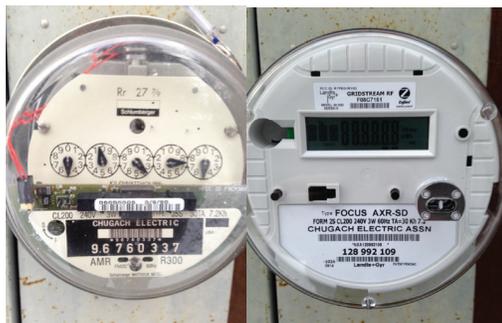
## Meter replacement project starts this summer

As part of ongoing system improvements, Chugach will be installing new meters over the next five years, starting in the summer of 2015. Chugach's current meters were installed nearly 20 years ago and are nearing the time for replacement. The project will invest in new technology that will help Chugach operate more efficiently and improve outage restoration.

The upgraded system will provide more accurate information about outages. Chugach intends to incorporate data from the meters into a new Outage Management System. Dispatchers in Chugach's power control center will be able to see

which meters are energized and which are not, allowing them to better analyze outages and coordinate restoration. The new meters will also enable Chugach to perform several functions remotely, such as reading meters and performing connects and disconnects. Chugach plans to deploy the new meters to all of its more than 80,000 retail service locations.

The impact of the installation should be minimal to members. Members will be notified in advance,



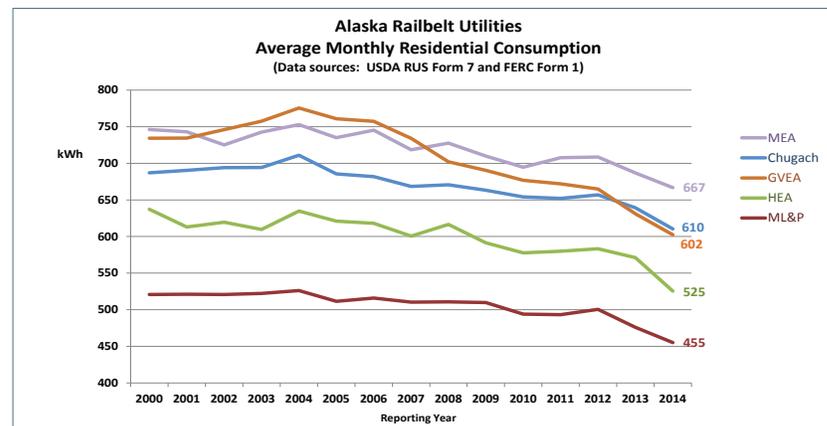
Old meter on the left; new meter on the right

via postcard and phone, of when their meter will be changed out. During the installation, members can expect a brief power interruption. Following the swap, the next bill a member receives will show two readings, one from the old meter and one from the new meter. {239695}

## 2014 Railbelt residential electric use drops

Residential electric consumption at utilities throughout the Railbelt fell again in 2014. The decline – which

was sharper than others in recent years – was probably due to a combination of factors, including warmer weather and continuing conservation and energy efficiency efforts by customers. Rising prices may also be contributing to the decline. As the chart shows, the average monthly consumption



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of residential customers across the region has fallen over the past decade.

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### Monthly residential service costs

(based on 650 kwh)

<b>Customer charge/month</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>
<b>Energy charge \$0.11470 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$74.56</b>
<b>Fuel \$0.04463 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$29.01</b>
<b>Purchased power \$0.00239 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$1.55</b>
<b>FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00153 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$0.99</b>
<small>(Fuel, Purchased power and FIW renewable energy adjustment factors effective May 1, 2015, subject to Regulatory Commission of Alaska approval)</small>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>114.11</b>
<b>2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =</b>	<b>\$ 2.28</b>
<b>Regulatory Cost Charge \$0.000754 x kwh =</b>	<b>\$ 0.49</b>
<b>Total bill</b>	<b>\$116.88</b>