



Overhead-to-underground program active

Chugach maintains an active program to convert power lines from overhead to underground facilities within the Municipality of Anchorage. The program is the result of a State statute and a Municipal ordinance intended to accelerate the conversion of existing overhead distribution lines to underground lines.

The ordinance, passed by the Assembly in 2005, calls for utilities with overhead facilities to spend up to 2 percent of their retail revenue annually on the program. Each month, Chugach's Anchorage customers are assessed a "2% MOA Undergrounding Charge"

on their bills. For Chugach, the surcharge raises about \$3 million a year to fund the program.

Per the ordinance, Chugach annually files an updated plan with the Municipality forecasting the projects it intends to do in the next 5 years. Each year it also reports on what it did the previous year. Chugach's 2014-2018 plan is available at <http://www.chugachelectric.com/inside-chugach/projects>.

Between the ordinance's passage in 2005 and the end of 2013, Chugach completed 57 projects funded by the undergrounding charge. Projects vary in size and scope,

and have been done at locations throughout Chugach's service territory within the Municipality.

One highly visible project has been progressing along the south side of Tudor Road throughout the winter. Chugach is converting about 1.5 miles of overhead distribution line to underground facilities between Elmore and Patterson. Transmission lines will remain overhead. The \$1.8 million project began last fall



A Chugach contractor has been working through the winter on a project to convert overhead electric distribution lines to underground along the south side of Tudor Road between Elmore Road and Patterson Street.

and is expected to be completed in March.

Chugach has five conversion projects planned for 2014 at locations in Girdwood, the Hillside, East Anchorage, South Anchorage and Muldoon.

RCA hears details of grid unification

Grid unification provides for efficient use of resources and keeps energy costs low

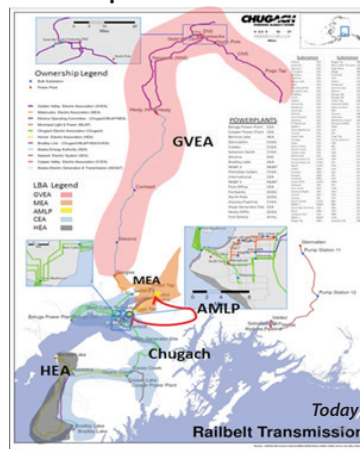
The Regulatory Commission of Alaska heard how unifying the transmission grid in parts of Wisconsin and Michigan has brought benefits to that area. Officials from American Transmission Company shared their experiences with the Commission at its public meeting on Feb. 19.

Transmission companies are common in the Lower 48. They usually work at the direction of a regional Independent System Operator, or ISO. An ISO is a neutral, independent organization that plans and executes system improvements, ensures non-discriminatory open access to the grid and

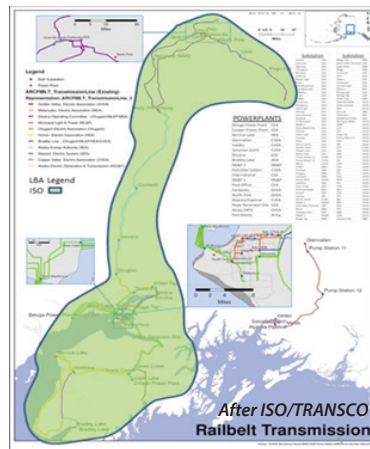
develops and enforces interconnection and reliability standards.

Transmission unification provides for a uniform tariff (the charge for using the grid), as well as interconnection and application of reliability rules. The TRANSCO provides an entity to perform transmission system planning and ensure construction of additional segments to connect new generators and loads, or resolve bottlenecks.

Currently six utilities and the State of Alaska own most of the transmission lines in the Railbelt. At present, there is



The ISO/TRANSCO model could provide the means to unify the Railbelt Transmission System.



no single entity to oversee planning, operation and maintenance of the Railbelt transmission system. New projects depend upon funding from the

ratepayers of individual utilities or State grants. Establishment and enforcement of operating rules can be a cumbersome

LevelPay

LevelPay is a program that can help you even out your monthly electric bill.

Chugach will estimate your annual electric usage and divide by twelve to determine your monthly payments. You'll know ahead of time exactly what your electric bill will be every month. With LevelPay, we track your actual electric usage, and any over- or underpayment will determine the next year's monthly payment. (1178515)

For example, if your actual electric usage was less than the total of your payments, you could either reduce your

monthly payments in the following year or be issued a refund. If your actual electric usage for the year was more, your level payments for the next year would be increased to make up the difference. It's that easy.

For more information or to sign up during March and April, call Member Services at (907) 563-7366 or (800) 478-7494, visit www.chugachelectric.com to fill out the online form or stop by our lobby at 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage.

Annual meeting and election notes

Chugach's annual membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center.

Three directors will be elected to the Chugach board in the upcoming 2014 election. In 2013, members passed a by-law changing board members' terms from three years to four. As part of that transition, two directors will be elected to 4-year terms and one director to a 3-year term in 2014.

The Nominating Committee process is closed, but members may petition to have their

names on the ballot until 5 p.m., Friday, Mar. 21, 2014.

Chugach members who are interested in running as a director candidate by petition should call 762-4791 to obtain candidate packets for more information.

Petitions need to be submitted by Mar. 21 to:

Tom Schulman
PO Box 196300
Anchorage, AK 99519-6300
tom_schulman@chugachelectric.com

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

Do we have your number?

During power disruptions, Chugach activates an Interactive Voice Response system that lets customers report an outage without waiting to talk to a Member Services representative.

The system works by associating a phone number with a service location. Callers are prompted to key in their

phone number and the IVR searches for a match between the number and a property. It's important that members keep their Chugach record updated if they've changed numbers or moved from land lines to cell phones. Call (907) 563-7366 to see what phone number ties to your record (and change it if necessary).

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For more information
call Chugach at 563-7366 or 800-478-7494
between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays
or email service@chugachelectric.com.

Contact us

Hours

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

Main number	563-7494
Toll free	(800) 478-7494
Member Services	563-7366
Member Services fax	762-4678
24-hour payment line	762-7803
Credit	563-5060
Power theft hotline	762-4731
Danger tree hotline	762-7227
Street light hotline	762-7676
Underground locates	811
Regulatory Commission of AK	(800) 390-2782
or	276-6222
To report a power outage	
In Anchorage	762-7888
Outside Anchorage	(800) 478-7494

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Corporate vision: Powering Alaska's future

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 650 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge $\$0.09432 \times \text{kwh} =$	\$61.31
Fuel $\$0.03807 \times \text{kwh} =$	\$24.75
Purchased power $\$0.00881 \times \text{kwh} =$	\$5.73
FIW renewable energy adj. $\$0.00239 \times \text{kwh} =$	\$1.55
<small>(Energy charge, Fuel, Purchased power and FIW renewable energy adjustment factors effective Jan. 1, 2014.)</small>	
Subtotal	101.34
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.03
Regulatory Cost Charge $\$0.000578 \times \text{kwh} =$	\$ 0.38
Total bill	\$103.75

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.

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process.

Chugach has been working with other organizations (including utilities, the Alaska Energy Authority and the RCA) to seek a means to unify the Railbelt transmission system. Because the ISO/TRANSCO models have worked elsewhere in the country, they are being studied for use in Alaska too.

Legislation to help the RCA move forward on the investigation of an ISO for the Railbelt was recently introduced in Juneau.