

# OUTLET

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## September brings wind storms to Southcentral

Two wind storms blew through Southcentral Alaska in September, bringing outages to Chugach members. The first storm hit the afternoon of September 11 and continued into the next day. In total, approximately 3,300 members were impacted primarily on the Hillside and in the Jewel/Sand Lake areas. Most outages were attributed to wind damaged trees in contact with overhead lines.



*A lineman replaces a damaged transformer after the Sept. 11 storm.*

Just over a week later, on Sept. 20, the National Weather Service issued warnings for another big wind storm headed to Anchorage and surrounding areas. Customers in Girdwood were impacted first, when a pole was broken and two transformers failed along Timberline Drive late that first night. Wind gusts continued throughout the morning hours. Outages, again primarily caused by trees falling into powerlines, were scattered throughout the Chugach service area. The total number of customers affected by that storm was just over 4,800. As always, Chugach appreciates the patience of members as the outages were being repaired. A big thank you to Chugach crews who worked throughout both wind storms in challenging conditions.



Members can follow Chugach on Facebook and Twitter, and keep track of the outage map on our website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) during any major weather event impacting power.



*Damages in Girdwood from the Sept. 20 storm took several hours to repair.*



### CO-OP MONTH 2016

Every October, cooperatives across the nation celebrate the benefits and values they bring to their members and communities.

Chugach is a member-owned electric cooperative and exists to provide power to its members. As a member, you are part-owner of Chugach. We currently provide electric service for more than 83,000 metered-locations. {1178466}

Cooperatives follow a set of seven principles which set us apart from other businesses. These principles are:

- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control
- Member's economic participation
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training and information
- Cooperation among cooperatives
- Concern for community

## Volunteers needed

Chugach is looking for members to serve on its Annual Meeting committees. A successful meeting depends upon volunteers who staff the Nominating, Bylaws and Election committees. The next Annual Meeting is May 18, 2017. For more information call 762-4177, or visit Chugach's website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com). Applications are due Oct. 27, 2016.

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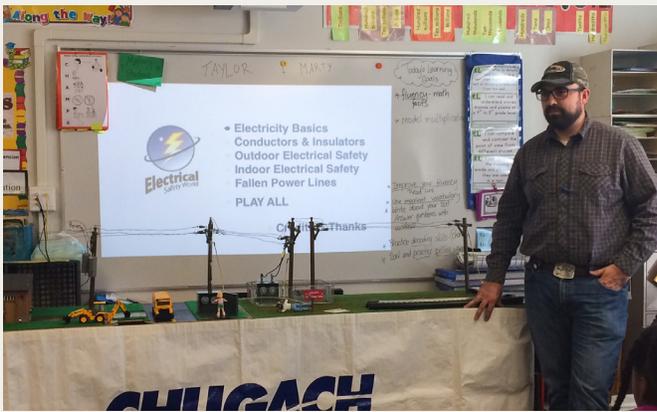
## Power Pledge Challenge



*Chugach Electric's energy and efficiency specialist, Kate Ayers, is helping lead the 2016 Power Pledge Challenge. The Challenge educates Alaska middle school students about energy efficiency, how to calculate energy use, and how to reduce usage at home. Each student who completes an online power pledge is entered into a drawing. The winner will get a class field trip to a local power plant and a pizza party.*

*Due to the success of the program last year, Alaska Electric Light and Power Company, located in Juneau, has joined the partnership. Other partners include Renewable Energy Alaska Project, Municipal Light and Power, Matanuska Electric Association and the Alaska Energy Authority. More than 2,000 middle school students from 10 Alaska middle schools participated in the 2015 Power Pledge Challenge.*

## Students learn electrical safety



*Chugach Electric safety specialist, Taylor Crocker, is raising awareness of electrical safety with Anchorage students. Safety City is an interactive demonstration given to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students learn how to be safe around powerlines including what to do if a tree comes in contact with a powerline and how to respond if a ball or other toy goes into an electrical facility.*

*Chugach normally provides the Safety City presentation within its service territory, but it is possible to have special arrangements made to accommodate other groups such as contractors, service organizations, police and fire departments. To sign up for a presentation, go to <http://www.chugachelectric.com/safety-city> or call Holly at (907) 762-7233.*

## Director vacancy to be filled



*Director Bruce Dougherty*

The Chugach Board of Directors accepted the resignation of director Bruce Dougherty effective Dec. 14, 2016 creating a vacancy. In his resignation letter, Dougherty said he will be leaving Alaska. The board will interview and appoint a Chugach member who meets the qualifications as specified in the bylaws, Article IV, Section 3. The appointee will serve until the seat is filled in the May 2017 election.

Members who are interested in the position and believe they meet the qualifications must submit a letter of intent, an application form, an attestation of candidate qualifications form, and a resume by noon, Oct. 28. Documents should be sent to: Legal Project Administrator, Chugach Electric Association, P.O. Box 196300, Anchorage, AK 99519-6300. For more information and to request an application packet, please call 762-4791. Forms are available on Chugach's website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com).



**A proposed project:**  
**Diverting Battle Creek into Bradley Lake at the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project could save about 2 million dollars of natural gas cost and 13,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> each year.**



*Battle Creek diversion site*

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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.