

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

April 17, 2002

ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM NO. IX.C.

- Information Only
- Motion
- Resolution
- Executive Session
- Other

TOPIC - Release information needed by the membership to evaluate and make informed comment on the alternative of A) entry into full negotiations for the next IBEW labor contract or B) accepting the proposed labor contract extension.

DISCUSSION (by Director Birch)

It has been proposed that the long-planned full negotiation of the three IBEW labor contracts next year be cancelled by simply accepting an IBEW offer to extend the contracts to 2006 without negotiation. Previous staff studies and board workshops have identified (the amount is currently privileged) million dollars in cost savings targets that were expected to be updated and negotiated in the next contract cycle, the first in a decade that would not be limited by the restrictions of binding interest arbitration. The IBEW offer would yield only a portion of these savings to our ratepayers. The amount of the potential savings and member benefits for full negotiations are currently held secret from our membership.

This issue is now before the board and the difference between alternatives A) and B) for the proposed three year extension represents millions to our members. This is a very major decision and input from our members has been requested. For them to respond and know what is at stake we need to release certain background studies Chugach has done so members can understand the issue and give the board informed comment and input.

RECOMMENDATION (by Director Birch)

Motion 1: Move that the items in the attached list be removed from executive session privilege and be released to any member requesting them.

Items to be released:

- 11/1/96 - Memo, Eugene Bjornstad - General Manager to Board of Directors – Summary of Collective Bargaining Unit Agreements.
- 10/14/98 - Chugach Board Restructuring Retreat, Increasing Competitiveness in the Alaska Electric Utility Industry To Better Serve Consumers. October 13-15, 1998. Alyeska Prince Hotel, Girdwood, Alaska.
- 10/21/99 - Chugach Board Restructuring Retreat #2, Increasing Competitiveness in the Alaska Electric Utility Industry, WHAT NEXT? October 21, 1999. Chugach Electric Association Boardroom, Anchorage
- 3/16/02 - Letter, Chugach Consumers (Ray Kreig and Ed Granger) to Board of Directors – RE: March 20, 2002 Agenda Item IX. B. Collective Bargaining Unit Contract Extensions [complete version WITHOUT REDACTIONS]
- 3/20/02 - Presentation, Chugach Consumers (Ray Kreig) to Chugach Electric Board — March 20, 2002 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT EXTENSIONS [complete version WITHOUT REDACTIONS]
- 3/24/02 - Letter, Ray Kreig to Bruce Davison – Request for independent legal opinion on duties of ex-directors, officers of Chugach Electric Association regarding knowledge learned in executive sessions.