

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**April 19, 2006**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

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

4/12/06 – Motion emailed to entire CEA board. But CEA refused to allow it to be posted on the normal agenda webpage for public notice.  
4/19/06 – CEA prevented any public knowledge or release of the motion at 1<sup>st</sup> Special Board [BOYCOTTED] meeting called to take it up.  
4/26/06 – CEA prevented any public knowledge or release of the motion at 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Board [ADJORNED WITHOUT PUBLIC DISCUSSION] meeting called to take it up.  
4/27/06 – CEA prevented any public knowledge or release of the motion at 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Board meeting [BOYCOTTED] called to take it up.  
**3/5/07 – Motion made public for the first time [released by Ray Kreig]**

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**TOPIC – Release benchmarking and other documents (1995-1999) useful for members to evaluate the economic efficiency of Chugach Electric.**

**DISCUSSION (by Director Kreig)**

Chugach participated in a series of benchmarking projects from 1995 to 1998. The intent was to see how Chugach Electric compared to the best practices of other utility companies. The intended benefit was to judge whether our costs in certain areas are reasonable or deserve a closer look. The benchmarking reports were issued and presented to management and the board prior to 1998 and they have never been released to the member-ratepayers.

As far back as March 1997, the Outlet stated that “we intend to begin reporting measures that will improve our accountability to the membership and help you be an informed voter in co-op elections.” Therefore, it is long overdue that these key studies (which cost member-ratepayers approximately \$0.5 million) be released in order to increase transparency and public reporting.

For the same reasons other documents presented during two board retreats (1998 - 1999) on increasing competitiveness in the Alaska electric utility industry also should be released.

**RECOMMENDATION (by Director Kreig)**

Motion 1: Move that under Board Policy 128.II.D3 it is in the best interests of the Association to release the documents in the attached list in the manner specified.

Items to be released:

## BENCHMARKING STUDIES

12/95 - NRECA-PACE'95 Results Conference, Herndon VA [12/14/95] attended by Lee Thibert. The first benchmarking that CEA participated in.

12/95 - NRECA-PACE'95 (Distribution & Procurement & Materials Management)

12/96 - UMS Power Delivery (Distribution, Substation & Transmission Operations and Maintenance) Benchmarking

6/97 - UMS Management Assessment of the Cooperative's Positioning to Successfully Compete in the Changing Electric Utility Business Environment

1/98 - UMS PACE Customer Service '97

1/98 - UMS PACE Infrastructure Development '97 (Engineering Design, Planning, Construction Management, ROW Land Services, Asset Management)

1/98 - UMS Generation Benchmarking

## OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO LABOR AND OTHER COST SAVINGS

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

## Manner of release

- 1) Proprietary restrictions: All documents are to be made available to members of Chugach Electric except those which have proprietary restrictions that specifically prohibit disclosure to Chugach members. If subject to proprietary restrictions, the member may be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.
- 2) The documents may be examined at Chugach at no charge to the member.
- 3) The member may order copies of all or any part of a document at incremental cost of reproduction (Board Policy 120.II.J and K).
- 4) The member shall not have to state any "proper purpose" for access to the documents.