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GVEA Resumes Disconnect Procedures

Before Gov. Dunleavy issued the mandate suspending disconnects due to non-payment in March, GVEA had already temporarily suspended disconnects, as well as the accrual of late payment fees. But on Monday, Nov. 16, GVEA resumed regular disconnect procedures. This process involves member notification via mail at least 15 days prior to a scheduled disconnect due to non-payment. If an account remains in a delinquent status, an attempt will be made to contact the member no less than three working days prior to disconnect.

Only those residential members who have not submitted both a sworn COVID-19 financial hardship statement and the special deferred payment agreement forms are subject to these Regulatory Commission of Alaska-approved disconnect procedures.

As of the end of November, there were a total of 1,532 residential accounts in a delinquent status. Currently, 725 residential members have submitted the two forms mentioned above and are exempt from the current disconnect procedures being carried out.

Districts 4 & 7 Nominating Committees Approved

Nominating committees have been formed and are comprised of members who have volunteered from their respective districts that are up for reelection. These committees will review applications, interview applicants and nominate the most qualified candidates. The election results will be determined in June 2021.

Nominating Committee Members:

- **District 4:** Katrina Abramowicz, David Fordstrom, Karyn Janssen, Ruth Knapman, Angela Ritchie and Sue Sherif.
- **District 7:** Terry Hinman, John Kelleher and Joseph Pieschl.

District 4 (currently served by Gary Newman) includes the general area east of the Old Steese Highway and north of the Chena River including Fox, Chatanika, Haystack/Hilltop, Chena Hot Springs Road, Gilmore Trail and Birch Hill, as well as Island Homes and downtown Fairbanks, west to Lathrop Street.

District 7 (Currently served by Brad Benson) includes the areas of Nenana, Clear, Anderson, Healy, McKinley Village, and Cantwell.

Thank you to our MAC members Terry Hinman, John Kelleher and Angela Ritchie for volunteering to serve on these committees.

Scholarship Application Window is Open

GVEA awards eight scholarships each year. The first seven are awarded in May and the eighth is awarded in August. Each scholarship amount increased by \$1,000 this year. Applications are now being accepted for the first seven scholarships:

- \$16,000 Academic Degree (1 awarded)
- \$3,500 Academic (3 awarded)
- \$3,000 Continuing Education (3 awarded)



Deadline to apply is 5pm on Monday, March 1, 2021. More info can be found at: <https://www.gvea.com/scholarships>. Please help us spread the word!

MAC Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, 6:30 pm
Microsoft Teams

*Optional Microsoft Teams Training
(6:00-6:30 pm)*

Agenda

1. Call to Order (6:30 pm)
 - Roll Call
 - Approve Agenda
 - Approve Nov. 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Safety Moment
 - MAC Report Volunteer at the GVEA Board Meeting on Mon, Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm: **Volunteer Needed**
3. Visiting Member Comments (3-minute limit)
4. New Business:
 - John Burns, President & CEO: *Year in Review*
 - Meadow Bailey, Dir. External Affairs/PR: *Revised 2021 MAC Mtg Dates*
 - Update from On-Bill Financing Task Force
5. Board Report: Gary Newman, Secretary and District 4 Director
6. Unfinished Business
7. MAC Roundtable
8. Adjournment (~8 pm)

Next Scheduled MAC Meetings:

- Wed, Jan. 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Wed, Feb. 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm

