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GVEA Sets Goal to Reduce Carbon Emissions

At their January 21, 2019, monthly meeting, the GVEA Board approved a policy that sets a Carbon Reduction Goal for the cooperative to reduce its carbon output by 26 percent by the year 2030.

The 26 percent reduction will be measured against GVEA's 2012 emission levels. The policy gives management a variety of ways to achieve the reductions, including renewable energy, waste-heat recovery, demand-side management, alternative fuels and energy storage. The co-op may also reach its goal via carbon off-sets.

The policy also calls for no adverse long-term increase on rates and/or adverse impacts on reliability, as well as GVEA staff is to provide the Board with semi-annual updates.

Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC) Seeking Applicants

This effort is to manage Alaska's largest interconnected grid

The Railbelt utilities have joined together to form a Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC). The RRC provides a forum and structure for the six interconnected Railbelt utilities, along with six non-utility stakeholders, to work together to address Railbelt-wide regional electric system issues in order to ensure grid resilience and reduce long-term costs.

Applications are being sought from qualified organizations and individuals to be part of the 12-member Implementation Committee that will develop RRC. Individuals and organizations interested in applying for one of the non-utility seats on the RRC Implementation Committee must submit an application by 5pm Monday, February 17, 2020. Implementation Committee members will be deemed volunteers and will not receive compensation from the RRC for their service on the Implementation Committee.

More details about the non-utility seats, including qualification requirements and criteria, can be found at www.alaskapower.org/rrc/.

Why is my electric bill so high?

Many members have been asking this question

There's no easy answer to this question, since there are so many variables at each location. But here are a few things to consider:

- Holiday Activities (guests, kids home on school break, decorations, etc.)
- Cold Snap (nearly all of January was below zero)
- Fuel & Purchased Power increased nearly 20% on Dec 1, 2019
- Rates increased 3% on Jan 1, 2020

GVEA has a webpage dedicated to this subject. To learn more, visit:

<http://gvea.com/resources/highbill>

MAC Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 12, 2020, 6:30 pm
GVEA's Training Room, Fairbanks

Agenda

1. Refreshments (6:15pm)
2. Call to Order (6:30pm)
 - Roll Call
 - Approve Agenda
 - Approve December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - MAC Report Volunteer at the GVEA Board on Wed, Feb 26 at 6:30pm: **TBD**
 - Safety Moment
3. Visiting Member Comments (3-minute limit)
4. MAC Member Feedback from Membership Interaction
5. New Business:
 - Sign-up MAC Members to Present MAC Report at GVEA Board Meetings (thru 2020)
 - Bill Kirkenir, VP of Strategic Development: *GVEA's Carbon Reduction Goal*
6. Board Report: Gary Newman, Vice Chair and Dist. 5 Director
7. Unfinished Business
8. MAC Roundtable
9. Adjournment (8 to 8:30pm)

Next Scheduled MAC Meetings:

- Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 6:30pm
- Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 6:30pm

