

Notice of Proposed Revision to Power Cost Equalization Base Amount

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that pursuant to AS 42.45.110(c)(2) and 3 AAC 52.610(b) through (c), it has opened Docket U-18-032 to propose a revised base amount for Power Cost Equalization (PCE) calculations. AS 42.45.110(c)(2) provides in part:

“each year, the commission shall adjust the power costs for which power cost equalization may be paid to an electric utility based on the weighted average retail residential rate in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau . . .”

The current base amount is 17.58 cents per kilowatt-hour (ϕ /kWh). The Commission proposes to adjust the base amount to 19.02 ϕ /kWh. The proposed 19.02 ϕ /kWh base amount is a calculation of the weighted average cost of residential energy sales within Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau during calendar year 2017.

The utilities providing service to these areas during 2017 were Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach); Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. (MEA); and the Municipality of Anchorage d/b/a Municipal Light and Power Department (ML&P) in Anchorage; Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. (GVEA) in Fairbanks; and Alaska Electric Light and Power Company (AEL&P) in Juneau. The proposed 19.02 ϕ /kWh base amount calculations are as follows:

PROPOSED FY2019 PCE BASE AMOUNT CALCULATION					
Utility	Total Residential Sales (kWh)*	Total Residential Sales (\$)	Total Residential Sales (\$/kWh)	% Total Residential (kWh)	Weighted Average per kWh
AEL&P	151,017,000	\$ 17,950,627	\$0.1189	16.187%	\$ 0.0192
Chugach	493,704,203	\$ 98,305,349	\$0.1991	52.917%	\$ 0.1054
GVEA	56,515,421	\$ 13,625,885	\$0.2411	6.058%	\$ 0.0146
MEA	104,364,963	\$ 21,435,775	\$0.2054	11.186%	\$ 0.0230
ML&P	127,375,000	\$ 26,125,873	\$0.2051	13.653%	\$ 0.0280
Total	932,976,587	\$ 177,443,509		100.000%	\$ 0.1902
*Each utility's portion of sales within Fairbanks, Anchorage, or Juneau					

You may obtain additional information about the calculation of the proposed base amount by contacting Tariff Section Staff at the Commission's office at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or by email at rca.mail@alaska.gov.

To comment on this docket, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., June 6, 2018 at the Commission's address given above or via the Commission's website at:

<http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>

Please reference Docket U-18-032 in the subject line of your comments.

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or (800) 770-8973, or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by May 30, 2018.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on June 15, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room, 701 West Eighth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, to consider comments on the proposed action. Individuals wishing to present oral comments at the public hearing are requested to notify the Commission of that intent by June 8, 2018; however, such notification is not mandatory.

The Commission, after the deadline stated above, will either adopt this or other proposals dealing with the same subject without further notice, or decide to take no action on them.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 7th day of May, 2018.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

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Stephen McAlpine
Chairman