

Looking for a Part Time Job?

Every year, AVEC hires seasonal collectors to go to our villages, hang disconnect notices, negotiate payment plans and disconnect consumers who have delinquent bills. Maybe you would like to do that for us in your village?

You must be a responsible adult with a high school or equivalent diploma, and be willing to work with your fellow community members to get their electric bills paid. If you would like a part-time job with good pay, you may be interested in becoming an AVEC Collections Contractor. Contact Georgia Shaw at (800) 478-1818 to find out more.

Congratulations to Jordan Mitchell!

Jordan Mitchell is a power plant operator in Nulato who recently completed the six-week AVTEC operator training course in Seward. He scored a 4.0 on his finals—an amazing feat! We are proud to honor one of our operators for such an outstanding performance. Way to go, Jordan!

Who is Subsidizing Whom?

Now and then, we hear from members that they believe our costs to serve their village are much lower than what they are paying for their electricity and that they are subsidizing other villages. There is some truth to this, except that it changes dramatically from one year to the next.

I recently was asked what our revenues and costs were by village. It is easy to add up the revenues, because those are tracked by village. But only some of our costs are tracked by village. For example, fuel, lubricating oil, overhauls and village operators and labor are charged to the specific village. But other costs, such as insurance, accounting, billing and warehouse are not. They are apportioned between villages based upon various criteria, such as number of meters, gross sales, installed generation capacity and so on.

As I pulled together the information, it became clear that a fuel spill, major storm or an engine overhaul greatly affects whether a village pays for itself in a year or whether it is “subsidized” that year by other villages. What really became clear is that there is a tremendous amount of value in being part of a cooperative.

During just a three-year period, I found more than a dozen instances of villages where our costs during a single year were more than 10 cents a kilowatt-hour more than the revenue received from that village. If the utility had been a locally owned entity, that shortfall in revenue could have presented a serious financial challenge.

Being part of a member-owned cooperative means everyone shares, in both good years and bad. Our brothers and sisters hold us up during the bad years, and we help shore them up when they are having bad years. And we all share the profits—when there are some—equally. Your capital credits reflect that cooperative sharing and remind us all that, by working together, we have made it possible for us to control our own electric future.

Until next time,

Meera Kohler
President & CEO



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