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| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togjak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
| Mt. Village | Wales |
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Year-End Good News

Capital credits checks in the mail

About the time you receive this edition of Ruralite magazine, you also may receive a check or a credit from Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC). This represents your share of about \$1.3 million that your AVEC board recently authorized to be returned to the members. A letter was mailed to you explaining what this refund means, so I won't go into detail in this back page message because I have other good news to report.

Rate Decrease

Your 2010 electric bills will be substantially lower than your 2009 bills for two reasons. First, the diesel fuel we purchased this year cost less per gallon, on average, than it did in 2008. This means the fuel charge per kilowatt-hour (kWh) is lower—making a significant difference for most of our consumers—but especially our commercial users who do not receive PCE.

Your bills also will be lower next year by another 2 cents a kWh. We are lowering the energy rate by 2 cents across the board because we now enjoy lower cost of operations as a result of the significant infusion of federal grant funds that we have received to improve energy facilities in our villages. The main impact of the funds is on our depreciation cost, which has gone down significantly in the last year. The 2-cent reduction means AVEC's revenue will decrease by about \$1.4 million a year.

Imagination Library

I have been working with Barbara Brown, who is the manager for a wonderful project known as Best Beginnings Alaska. You can visit them online at www.bestbeginningsalaska.org.

Best Beginnings is bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library home to children in Alaska, thanks to support from the Rasmuson Foundation, ConocoPhillips Alaska and the CIRI Foundation. Imagination Library mails a free, high-quality, brand-new book each month to children from birth to age 5 who live in communities that support the program.

What is really exciting is that the Imagination Library will be coming to two of AVEC's communities soon: Old Harbor and Toksook Bay. It also should soon be coming to Upper and Lower Kalskag and to other communities across the state. We will publish more about the program in future issues of Ruralite.

Finally, a very warm wish from everyone at AVEC—and especially me—for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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