

Happy Friday! Thanks so much for being here. You received this email because you asked to be looped in with what we're doing - if you want to be removed from this email list for any reason, please let us know.

What's going on with Homer Electric Association (HEA):

Voting for the Board of Director elections is open until HEA's Annual Meeting on **May 2nd**. As members, one of the biggest tools we have in our toolbox is who we vote for to represent us on the Board of Directors. Our electric utility is governed by a democratically elected Board who is beholden to members and our community - you! You can learn more about this year's candidates here.

KDLL, KBBI, the Peninsula Clarion, and the League of Women Voters hosted a candidate forum at the Soldotna Public Library last month - read about it here. We were excited to hear talk of diversification of generation, energy conservation, and energy independence.

As of April 1st, HEA's natural gas contract with Hilcorp has ended, and a new one-year contract with Enstar has started. Note the natural gas will be at Enstar's Gas Cost Adjustment (currently \$8.6517, compared to the previous contracted Hilcorp rate of \$7.69). We should see more of the financial impact with the next Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) filing - info on the current COPA filing here.

The next HEA Board meeting is **April 9th**.

What's going on in Alaska:

At a recent Golden Valley Electric Association Board meeting, CEO John Burns "acknowledged that the cause of the [rate] increase is the fact that GVEA hasn't diversified our energy production enough."

What we can do:

The Kenai Change: Sisterhood for Sustainable Futures book club has written an open letter to HEA's Board of Directors asking for more action on solutions for the Cook Inlet gas crisis. You can express your concern by adding your name and passing it along to anyone who might be interested. They are planning on sending this letter to the Board on April 15th.

In honor of (belated) April Fools' Day, we would like to share a Board candidate we're particularly excited about:



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