

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):

Candidates for the Board of Directors election have been announced! 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. Voting begins **March 29th** and will be open until HEA's Annual Meeting on **May 2nd**.

HEA's one-year contract with Enstar, starting April 1st (at the end of HEA's current gas contract with Hilcorp), is being reviewed by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska until March 26th.

The next HEA Board meeting is March 19th.

What's going on in Alaska:

Alaska Renewables, the developer of the Little Mount Susitna Wind project (in Chugach Electric Association's territory), says their project "could have provided 20% of the electricity used in [Anchorage] during the recent extreme cold snap, reducing the strain on natural gas." We are big fans (...get it?) of diversifying our electricity generation away from our oversized reliance on a single fuel source that is at risk starting as early as 2027.

What we can do:

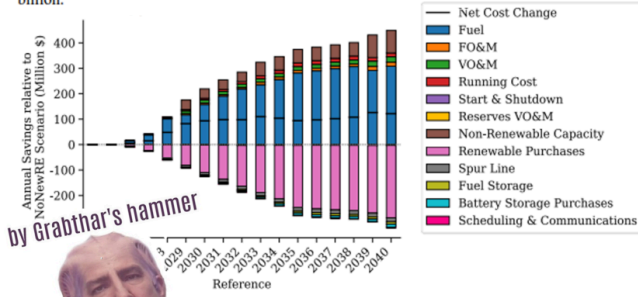
KDLL, KBBI, the Peninsula Clarion, and the League of Women Voters will be hosting a candidate forum on **March 18th**. This is a great opportunity to get to know more about the candidates! Please let us know of any other community candidate forums.

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 in late March.

As our Meme Queen has been on vacation, we'd like to end with a homemade meme from a newly-released cost analysis on achieving an 80% renewable portfolio for the Railbelt:

76% RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Reference scenario avoids about \$4.2 billion in fuel and other costs from 2024 to 2040. This avoided cost requires renewable purchases and other costs of about \$2.9 billion, resulting in a cumulative (non-discounted) savings from 2024 to 2040 in the Reference scenario of about \$1.3 billion.



by Grabthar's hammer



what a savings.

READ MORE:
Achieving an 80% Renewable Portfolio in Alaska's Railbelt: Cost Analysis

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