ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE <u>CHEVAK BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM</u> APPLICATION TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND

Presentation to

HOUSE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Community	Project Name	Applicant Name	Election District	Recommended	Funded FY25	Proposed FY26
				Funding		
Ruby	Ruby Community Solar PV and Battery Storage	Tanana Chiefs Conference	36-R	\$2,008,113	\$2,008,113	
HEA service area	Kenai Peninsula Solar Farm	Solstice Energy LLC	various	\$2,000,000	\$4,008,113	
Kotzebue	Kotzebue Community Scale Energy Storage and Inertia	Kotzebue Electric Association, Inc.	40-T	\$3,675,000	\$7,683,113	
Homer	AEEC / KPB CPL Landfill Gas CHP Project	Alaska Electric & Energy Cooperative, Inc.	6-C	\$1,115,014	\$8,798,127	
lgiugig	Igiugig Tribal Utility Solar PV	Igiugig Village Council	37-S	\$1,723,709	\$10,521,836	
Pelican	Pelican Hydro Relicensing Project, Restoration, Repair	City of Pelican, Pelican Utilities	2-A	\$650,474		\$650,474
Naknek	Naknek Solar PV on Cape Suwarof	Naknek Electric Association, Inc.	37-S	\$3,137,848		\$3,788,322
Skagway	Goat Lake Hydro Storage Expansion Study	Goat Lake Hydro, Inc.	3-B	\$121,250		\$3,909,572
Kwethluk	Nuvista Kwethluk Wind and Battery Project Completion	Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative Incorporated	38-S	\$738,979		\$4,648,551
Quinhagak	Quinhagak Battery Energy Storage System Project	Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.	38-S	\$443,956		\$5,092,507
Nenana	Nenana Biomass District Heat System, Final Phase	City of Nenana	36-R	\$1,223,000		\$6,315,507
Kongiganak	Kongiganak 100 kW Solar Energy Project	Puvurnaq Power Company	38-S	\$720,453		\$7,035,960
Railbelt	Railbelt Wind Diversification Alaska Renewables	Alaska Renewables LLC	various	\$2,000,000		\$9,035,960
Homer	Homer Energy Recovery Project	City of Homer	various	\$280,000		\$9,315,960
Atmautluak	Atmautluak ETS Installation, Integration and Commissioning	Atmautluak Tribal Utilities	38-S	\$286,227		\$9,602,187
Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrang Southeast Alaska Grid Resiliency (SEAGR)		Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA)	1-A, 2-A	\$4,000,000		\$13,602,187
Chevak	Chevak Battery Energy Storage System Project	Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.	38-S	\$968,644		\$14,570,831
Pedro Bay	Knutson Creek Hydro Project Construction	Pedro Bay Village Council	37-S	\$400,000		\$14,970,831
Akiachak	Akiachak Native Community 200 kW Solar Energy Project	Akiachak, Ltd	38-S	\$67,833		\$15,038,664
Nome	NJUS Solar Nome Banner Ridge Solar Farm	Nome Joint Utility System	39-T	\$4,000,000		\$19,038,664
MEA service area	Hunter Creek Hydroelectric Feasibility Study Project	Matanuska Electric Association	various	\$1,280,500		\$20,319,164
Chignik	Chignik Hydroelectric Power System	City of Chignik	37-S	\$883,012		\$21,202,176
GVEA service area	Healy Unit 2 Coal to Biomass Fuel Conversion	Golden Valley Electric Association	various	\$269,500		\$21,471,676
Sterling	Sterling Solar Project	Utopian Power LLC	8-D	\$12,500		\$21,484,176
TOTAL				\$32,006,012	\$32,006,012	\$10,521,836



ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Energizing Rural Alaska since 1968

- Nonprofit 501(c)12 -Electric Cooperative
- 58 Rural Communities, 31,000+ Residents
- 46 Power Plants, 160 Diesel Generators
- 9.5M Gallons of Diesel in 2024 (\$42.3M)
- 525 miles of Distribution Lines
- 13 Wind Sites, 33 Wind Turbines, Serving 22 Communities
- \$77.9M Annual Revenue
- 2024 Total Electricity Sold 125.6 MWh



Costs per Kilowatt-hour Sold (2023)











What is a B.E.S.S. ?

Battery Energy Storage System installed in Shaktoolik, 2024. (200 kW/274 kWh)

BESS Module Includes:

- Batteries
- Battery Monitoring System
- Inverter
- Controls/Communications
- HVAC

Shaktoolik Funding:Denali Commission\$ 84,407DOE Office of Indian Energy\$759,656AVEC\$265,282



Chevak BESS

Proposed BESS: **720 kW/ 864 kWh** Chevak Average Load: **311 kW** Chevak Peak Load: **600 kW** Wind Capacity: **400 kW** (4x100kW NPS100-A turbines)





Chevak BESS & PP Improvements

- Nearly double wind production from 573 MWh to 1,050 MWh per year
- Offsets an additional 29,785 gallons fuel, a savings of about \$138,202/year
- Shift 2,000+ engine runtime hours to smaller engine, improving PP efficiency
- Diesels-off approximately 169 hours per year.
- Modernizes the plant for renewable expansion
- Provides operating reserve and grid stability



Chevak BESS

Project Status: Preliminary design and cost estimates completed with potential supplier and contractor input

Permitting: Limited permitting required, all improvements would be installed on AVEC Power Plant Site. Fire Marshall approval required. Similar installations already approved.

Financing: Latest estimated cost for project completion in 2027 is expected to increase 25% over the estimate provided in the 2023 application. AVEC will be seeking additional funding for completion. Fuel savings anticipated to provide a 10-year payback of project expense.

Timeline: Funding Approval, August 2025

Design and Procurement, Q4 2025- Q1 2026 Fabrication and Delivery, Q2 2026- Q4 2026 Installation and Commissioning, Q4 2026-Q2 2027







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