



Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Annual Meeting, Nomination, Voting, and Election Committee Information

BUECI Member-Owners:

Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative Inc.'s Annual Meeting has been changed due to COVID-19 concerns.

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors decided not to meet in person for the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Members, which was originally set for Thursday, April 9, 2020.

This action was taken due to the restrictions related to large public gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic. We all want to return to "normal life", but we also need to keep our members and employees safe.

This notice further explains how BUECI's Annual Meeting will be held for 2020 through a combination of nominations/voting by mail and a live broadcast informational meeting on December 3, 2020, at 7 p.m. on KBRW AM 680. The details are outlined below in roughly the order in which they would take place.

Nomination for Directors

Nominations for Directors will be conducted by mail and e-mail. A nomination request forms is enclosed, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. *Completed nominations must be received by October 13 at 5 p.m.* Nominations received after this date will not be considered. BUECI staff will verify that nominations are made by an active member and that nominees are active members who are willing to accept the nomination.

The envelope with your enclosed nomination may be mailed or delivered in-person to BUECI. A collection box will be outside of the front door at 1295 Agvik Street, Utqiagvik, Alaska 99723, in which your sealed envelope can be submitted.

Nominations may also be submitted via email to nominations@bueci.org.

Staff will open mail and e-mails daily and maintain a running list on BUECI's website (bueci.org) of:

- nominees who have accepted the nomination
- nominees who have declined nomination
- the member making the nomination.

The list of nominees will be presented to the Board as the Nominating Committee at the Regular Board Meeting on October 27 for acceptance. All nominees who meet the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws to serve as a director will have their names placed on the ballot.

Voting for Directors and on Propositions

Anyone who is a member of record may cast a ballot. Only one ballot may be cast per membership.

Ballots will be mailed to all members in the Annual Meeting Packet mailed to the membership the week of October 27. *Ballots must be returned no later than November 30 at 10 a.m.* Ballots received after this date will not be considered.

Instructions for returning the ballot envelope will be included in the Annual Meeting Packet. The return envelope (security envelope) will include a pre-printed sticker with member's name and account number. Members **must** sign the envelope and signatures will be matched to original membership agreement signature. This will help ensure that the member of record casts the vote.

BUECI will include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the ballot that the member will seal and mail. Please do not include anything other than the ballot. Additional or replacement mail-in ballots are not available. Ballots can also be returned to the collection box on BUECI's front door.

Annual Meeting (Informational Meeting style, not call-in)

While we will not have an in-person gathering, we still have important information to share, especially the results of the election of directors and voting on propositions to amend the bylaws. **An Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 7 p.m. and broadcast via KBRW AM 680.** The meeting will consist of short reports and announcement of election results. Action will be taken on approving prior year minutes, and acceptance of reports in 2021 or at the next in-person Annual Meeting. Copies provided in 2020 are for informational purposes (not action).

Member Comments

Member comments may be submitted in writing between October 27 and December 2. Instructions for submitting comments via mail will be included with the Annual Meeting Packet. We will read and respond to as many member comments as possible in the KBRW broadcast of the Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, due to technical limitations and the need to maintain social distancing, we will not be able to take questions from members live.

Member comments may also be submitted via email to comments@bueci.org. BUECI staff will verify that comments are made by an active member.

Election Committee

BUECI's Election Committee is made up of three to six volunteer members from the community who will open and count the ballots and certify the election results. The Cooperative Attorney will advise the Election Committee. The results of voting will be announced on December 3 via KBRW AM 680, as well as on the Cooperative's website and Facebook page.

Registration and Quorum

All members who return ballots (vote) will be considered registered and will establish quorum for the meeting.

Door Prizes

All active members who return a ballot will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. Door prize winners will be posted at bueci.org and on Facebook. Staff will contact winners to arrange for pick-up of items the week of December 7. Door prizes will have to be picked up and cannot be mailed.

See additional information at <http://www.bueci.org/annual-meeting/>.

Thank you in advance to all our members for working together to keep our community safe. We look forward to meeting in person again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Price E. Brower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Price E. Brower
BUECI Board President