

# *General Manager*

## **Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

### Utqiagvik, Alaska

The Board of Directors for Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BUECI) is seeking competent and enthusiastic candidates to succeed the current General Manager (GM) who will retire next spring. BUECI has retained NRECA's Executive Search Group to facilitate the search process.

Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative is a member-owned cooperative serving the city of Utqiagvik, Alaska (also known as Barrow). It is the largest city, and the borough seat, for the North Slope Borough. BUECI employs 70 professionals serving approximately 1,100 consumer-members who are predominantly subsistence hunters and whalers. In addition to electric service, BUECI provides a comprehensive range of services that include water distribution, waste water treatment, and natural gas distribution. The Cooperative's annual revenue is nearly \$27 million with total utility plant of \$61.5 million. All of the Cooperative's consumer-members are located in the North Slope Borough with 75% of electricity sales from commercial customers, and 25% from residential. Natural gas distribution is 68% commercial and 32% residential. Commercial customers include natural gas facilities, Iisagvik College, and a full range of community facilities (e.g., schools, hospital, municipal infrastructure, etc.). BUECI generates all of its wholesale power with natural gas generation; acquiring fuel from local resources. The Cooperative is a member of the Alaska Power Association, NRECA, CFC, American Public Gas Association, American Water Works Association, Alaska Water Wastewater Management Association and Northwest Public Power Association. Because of the diverse services provided, the position of GM with BUECI is a rare and rewarding opportunity.

Successful candidates must have a minimum of seven (7) years utility experience, preferably within the rural utility program, and at least five (5) years of leadership experience in a senior management position. A bachelor's degree in an appropriate field is preferred. Candidates must have broad utility management experience in fields including electric and natural gas generation and distribution, water distribution, and waste water treatment. Knowledge and background that includes such areas as operations and safety, finance, strategic planning, team building, and member communications is important. The successful candidate will be a person of integrity and have excellent people and communications skills, proven leadership ability, a strong commitment to "Cooperative Principles" and demonstrate "Inupiat Values."

Utqiagvik, Alaska is located 320 miles north of the Arctic Circle and is the northernmost city in the United States. Though the community is not accessible by ground transportation, Alaska Airlines provides reliable and affordable daily 737 service to Anchorage, 725 air-miles south. Utqiagvik is a thriving, close-knit, inclusive, and welcoming community with a population of 4,500. It has a very proud Alaska Native cultural heritage that dates back several thousand years. Throughout the year there are many community festivals that celebrate that heritage, including: Messenger Festival, Spring Festival, Blanket Toss Celebration, Christmas Games, and several more activities. The North Slope Borough School District supports and elementary school, middle school, and high school that are all located in Utqiagvik. In addition, Iisagvik College offers associate degrees in a wide range of fields, including indigenous studies. The college also offers a bachelor's degree in business management. Residents will tell you it's a great place to live. In addition to the opportunities to enjoy cultural events, there is an abundance of outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and more. Utqiagvik is truly a unique community that offers activities that appeal to most peoples' interests.

Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and offers an excellent retirement plan through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, competitive benefit programs that include air travel allowances, and a very competitive salary commensurate with qualifications. Anyone interested in this position should direct their inquiry to NRECA Executive Search and submit the following electronically: 1) Cover Letter, 2) two to three-page resume, and 3) at least three professional references and/or letters of recommendation. Applications must be received by ***December 4, 2020*** and submitted via the NRECA Executive Search Career page at <https://www.electric.coop/our-organization/careers/> . If you have any questions, please contact:

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