

BARROW UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*BUECI provides safe, reliable, and affordable utility services  
while respecting our community's values, now and into the future.*



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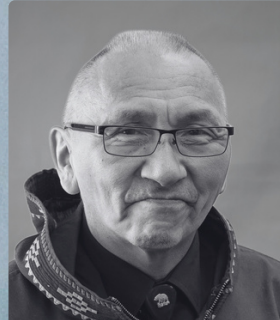
## Board of Directors



Tina A. Wolgemuth  
CCD  
President  
2025-2028



Bernadette A. Fischer  
CCD, BLC, DGC  
Vice President  
\*2023-2026



Don A. Nungasak  
CCD, BLC, DGC  
Treasurer  
2025-2028



Frieda N. Moore  
CCD, BLC, DGC  
Secretary  
2024-2027



Bernadette J. Adams  
CCD  
Director  
2025-2028



Frederick F. Brower  
CCD, BLC, DGC  
Director  
\*2023-2026




Lewis F. Brower  
CCD, BLC, DGC  
Director  
2024-2027



Chastity Kayutak  
Olemaun, CCD  
Director  
2024-2027



Marie G. Stackhouse  
CCD  
Director  
\*2023-2026

A loon with a black head and neck, a white collar, and a black and white checkered pattern on its back, swimming in a pond. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

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2026 ANNUAL MEETING  
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

**I, Yves D. Brower, being duly authorized by Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("BUECI") hereby affirm that on the 4th day of May 2026, that we did personally deliver to the Utqiagvik Post Office, the attached Notice of Annual Meeting, postage-paid and duly addressed to each BUECI member of record as of April 28, 2026.**

**Lou Edward Suvlu, Materials & Inventory Specialist  
Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

**Yves D. Brower, General Manager  
Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc.**



**Attachments: 2026 BUECI Annual Meeting Notice**



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BARROW UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

May 6, 2026

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article III, Sections 1 and 3 of the Bylaws of BUECI that the **Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fred Ipalook Elementary School Gymnasium. The doors will open for registration at 5:30 p.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.** After 7:00 p.m., you will no longer be able to register for the meeting. The business meeting will be called to order promptly at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect Directors, consider reports for the previous fiscal year, and transact such other business as may come before the meeting including amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

The following are your present Board of Directors:

Tina A. Wolgemuth, President  
Frieda N. Moore, Secretary  
Don A. Nungasak, Treasurer

Bernadette J. Adams, Director  
Lewis F. Brower, Director  
Chastity Kayutak Olemaun, Director

The following three (3) Directors' terms expire:

- 1) Frederick F. Brower, Director
- 2) Bernadette A. Fischer, Vice President
- 3) Marie G. Stackhouse, Director

The nomination for Directors was conducted by mail and email and has closed. The list of nominees is included in this mailer. Newly elected board members will serve a three-year term. There are a total of nine members who serve on the Board of Directors.

There will be a drawing for valuable door prizes including a **DJI Mini 5 Pro Drone** and an **Eskimo Outbreak 850XDP Pop-up Tent**. All active members who return a ballot either by mail-in ballot or in-person ballot will be eligible for the grand prize drawing and their applicable category. You do not need to be present to win the grand prize so long as you submitted a valid ballot. **If you submit a mail-in ballot and also attend the meeting in-person, you will be eligible for 2 different categories of door prize drawings.** If you are an elder who receives our senior citizen rates, you do not need to be present to win for any of the categories that you are eligible for. **See the list of Door Prizes for more information on eligibility.** Goodie bags are intended to increase annual meeting participation and will only be given to the first 300 members attending the meeting in person.

The Annual Meeting Report will be available online at <http://www.bueci.org/annual-meeting/>.

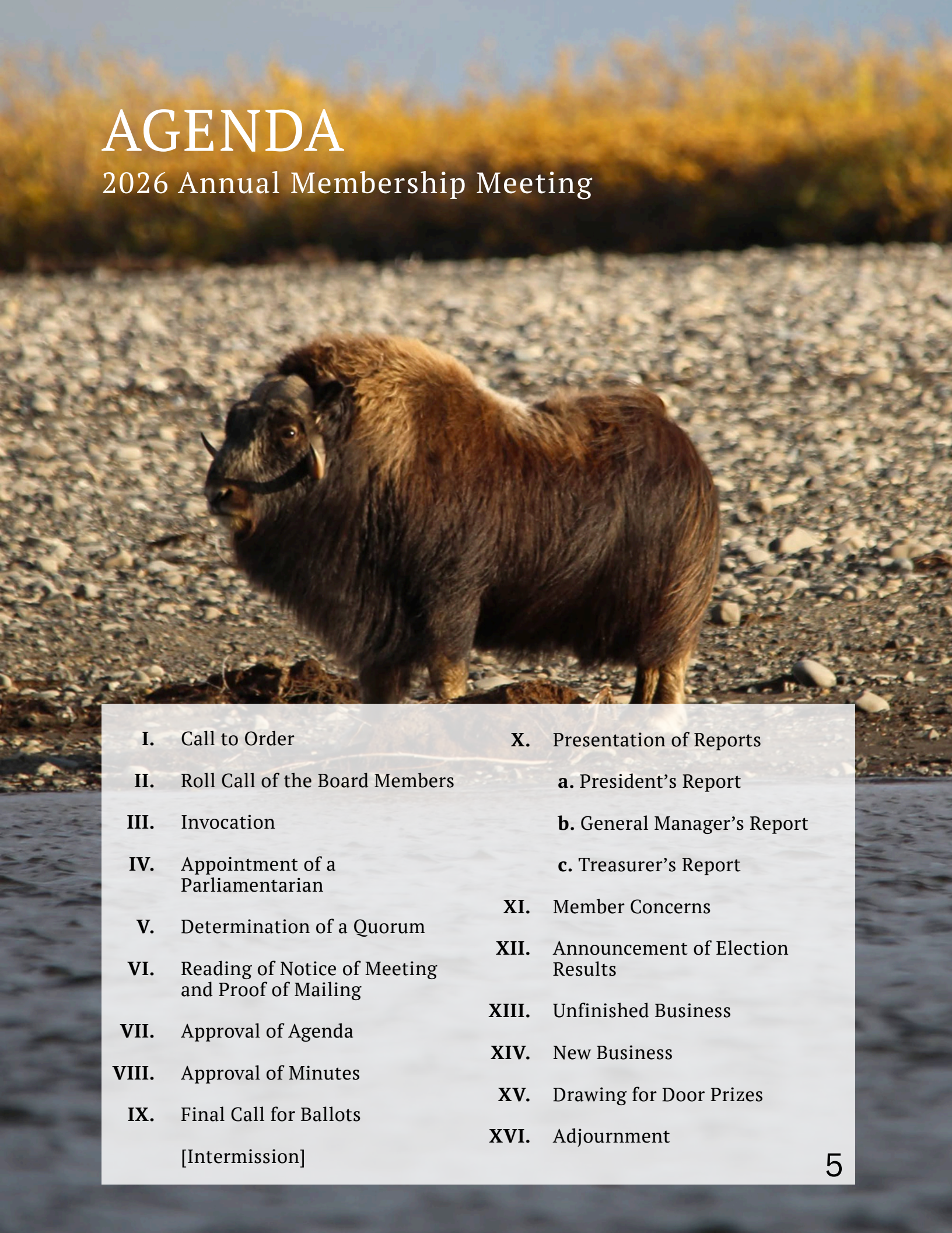
For more information regarding the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting, please call BUECI at (907) 852-6166.

Sincerely,

Frieda N. Moore, Secretary  
and BUECI Board of Directors & Management

# AGENDA

## 2026 Annual Membership Meeting

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- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call of the Board Members
  - III. Invocation
  - IV. Appointment of a Parliamentarian
  - V. Determination of a Quorum
  - VI. Reading of Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing
  - VII. Approval of Agenda
  - VIII. Approval of Minutes
  - IX. Final Call for Ballots  
[Intermission]
  - X. Presentation of Reports
    - a. President's Report
    - b. General Manager's Report
    - c. Treasurer's Report
  - XI. Member Concerns
  - XII. Announcement of Election Results
  - XIII. Unfinished Business
  - XIV. New Business
  - XV. Drawing for Door Prizes
  - XVI. Adjournment

# A LOOK IN OUR COOPERATIVE

You can scan the QR Code below with your smart phone camera for an in-depth look at BUECI Activities for 2025



To learn more about our job opportunities, you can scan the QR Code below



To learn more about our rates, you can scan the QR Code below to see the BUECI tariffs





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*In 2025, our Board of Directors played an instrumental role in ensuring our Cooperative continued to provide essential services to our membership.*

It was a busy start to the year for the BOD and Executive Management. Together we held a two-day Strategic Planning workshop facilitated by NRUCFC (National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation) in the Dr. Tom Albert Conference room at Ilisagvik College. This was an important opportunity to discuss the current processes throughout the organization and take a thoughtful look at how we can continue to build on our work moving forward. Our goal was to improve productivity while identifying areas in need of evaluation and prioritizing critical infrastructure and operations improvements. The mission statement was also reviewed with slight edit that reads “BUECI provides safe, reliable, and affordable utility services while respecting our community’s values, now and into the future.”

## *President's Report cont'd*

Early in the year we renewed the Base II/III/Gas & Garage Collective Bargaining Agreement with the union. Additionally, at the end of 2025, we successfully renewed the Lineman Collective Bargaining Agreement with the union. These agreements help ensure workforce stability and position us to continue delivering reliable services to our membership. We are pleased with the outcome for both agreements.

Our Board also authorized BUECI to pursue financing from NRUCFC to support key facility improvements, addressing aging infrastructure and ensuring reliability of our operations, which included renovations and upgrades to the BUECI Itinerant Housing unit, roof restoration for the George "Bud" Stevens Garage, and the BUECI Main Office Foundation restoration.

In June 2025, our General Manager brought in Mike Pollen of NTL Alaska to provide a water-fluoride presentation on the filtration process and the chemicals used in treating the potable water in response to a motion made by our members at the 2025 Annual Meeting. You will find more information on the action taken in our General Manager's Report regarding fluoridation in our water.

Staying in line with our commitment to keep our directors informed and updated with current facets of the utility cooperative, I'd like to congratulate Chastity Kayutak Olemaun and Marie Ahlook Stackhouse for obtaining their CCD Certificates and Frederick F. Brower and Don A. Nungasak for renewing their Director Gold Certificates. I'd like to thank our directors for remaining committed by staying educated in the utilities field as we strive to make the best decisions possible for BUECI.

BUECI has always believed in giving back to our community and investing in our youth. We continue to be a vital support to our families in need by providing in-kind essential gravedigging services. BUECI spent \$180,624 for 45 families. We are honored to provide this kind of support to the many families in their difficult time. We are also pleased to award scholarships at \$1,500 each to 3 students for a total of \$4,500 to assist them in obtaining their higher education for their college or trade school initiatives. BUECI also donated \$39,816 to various youth, cultural and community programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Senior Leadership team, I am pleased to submit BUECI's 2025 Annual Report for your consideration. Quyanaqpak!

*Tina Wolgemuth*

Tina Aqpauraq Wolgemuth  
BUECI Board President



A photograph of two polar bears in a snowy, icy landscape. One bear is in the foreground, looking towards the camera, while the other is slightly behind and to the right. The background is a vast, bright white expanse of snow and ice under a clear sky.

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

In 2025, we continued our safety program with training employees and auditing each department. Last year, we had a total of 8 accidents, with 3 of the accidents being minor and 5 beyond first aid. With the partnership of MBS, and the extensive work being done by supervisors and employees alike, our incident rate has decreased by almost 50% since 2024.

2025 was a year of growth in relation to workforce and employee development. At the end of December, we had 85 full-time employees. Throughout the year, we hired 15 new employees, had 19 employee resignations, trained 9 student hires in the Student Hire Program, made 3 internal employee transfers, and promoted 3 employees to higher positions. We had one employee retire in 2025, Mulugaveve Tu'ifua, serving our cooperative and community for 31 years. We also lost a great friend and coworker, Richard Suvlu, who helped keep our community's water and sewer working for 18 years. I would like to also recognize Robert "Bobby" Nageak, who resigned from BUECI in 2026, after serving our membership and Cooperative for 27 years.

With a commitment to empowering our employees with the skills and knowledge to perform their jobs at the highest level, we provided 40 training opportunities for our employees, in-house and out of town. While many of our training courses were specific to utility trade certifications or specialized careers, I wanted to highlight that we also provided larger scale training classes for our employees such as OSHA-10 Training and a Microsoft Excel course.

Regarding operations, we continue tracking trouble calls from members to better identify problem areas and to serve you all more effectively. For 2025, we had 719 Electric, 394 Gas, 918 Water, and 1,497 Sewer trouble calls. With this data, we can investigate the problems and find solutions to decreasing service interruptions.

Highlighting the major operations for the Barrow Utilidor System (BUS Plant), they conducted 9 water excavations, 0 sewer excavations, and completed 1 pump station excavation in 2025. They also upgraded basin 2 isolation valve at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

For the Utility Plant, we produced 81,574,941 gallons of potable water and sold 7,765,600 gallons of raw water. 48,588,960 kWh of electricity was generated, and we consumed 75,561 gallons of diesel to conduct all departments operations for 2025. We had 3 generation outages, which were caused by equipment failure, with a total downtime of 2 hours and 26 minutes.

## General Manager's Report cont'd

In relation to the Water Plant, we made an adjustment to our water treatment process regarding fluoride levels. On August 27, 2025, fluoride in our treated water was reduced from 0.7 mg/L to 0.4 mg/L. This decision was driven by member concerns and requests for additional information on fluoride use in our system. In response, we coordinated a public presentation in June 2025 with water treatment expert Mike Pollen, President of NTL Alaska, Inc., who provided an overview of our treatment process, its history, and information on fluoride. We also consulted with local healthcare partners at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital. This adjustment reflects our commitment to listening to our members and responding to their concerns while continuing to meet all regulatory requirements for safe drinking water.


Electrical Distribution had 17 outages. They replaced 12 power poles and 15 transformers, while 8 new power poles and 7 new transformers were installed. In 2025, we have 1,145 streetlights which are made up of 415 LED lights and 730 sodium lights. We are continuing to switch out the old sodium lights with the newer LED lights. We changed our electric meters to new AMI meters that report customer usage directly to the BUECI office. With these meter upgrades, we'll be saving money and have the ability to find outages faster.

Natural Gas had no gas outages for 2025. We conducted 6 excavations and the new CNG Station construction was completed.

With 1,149 active members in 2025, another area of progress we made was in our community outreach efforts. Among the many events held throughout the year, we participated in the high school career day, BHS graduation, BHS Christmas lights workshop, Piuraagiaqta parade, Nalukataq, KBRW drive to thrive, as well as committing a full day of lagoon clean up during the summer. We've prioritized sending out public service announcements during outages or excavations and strive to keep our members informed.

Finally, please join me in congratulating our BUECI staff on their achievements. 14 BUECI operators passed ADEC certifications to higher levels. Noel Ortila received the AWWMA Water Operator of the Year, Victor Unutoa received the AWWMA Wastewater Operator of the Year, and Russell Konicki & Ben Carlton both received the Governor's Safety Special Achievement Award.

This concludes my 2025 General Manager's Report.  
Quyanaqpak!

  
Yves D. Kanik Brower  
General Manager





# TREASURER'S REPORT

Paglagivsi,

Welcome members to the 2026 BUECI Annual Membership Meeting.

The Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2025, contains the audited 2025 Balance Sheets and Statement of Revenues and Changes in Patronage Capital, completed by the Certified Public Accounting firm, BDO, LLP. Members should note that the final audited financial statements reflect material adjustments from the draft audit previously distributed, resulting in changes to reported operating revenues, operating expenses, net margins, and member equity.

Compared to last year, the total operating revenues increased by \$9,536,549 for the year 2025. Of this increase, 56% is from electric, gas and water production revenue and 44% is from BUS Water and Sewer cost reimbursements. The total operating expenses increased by \$5,577,899 which is mostly driven by the increase in administrative and general expenses.

In late 2024, the 2025 budget was presented to the board of directors for approval, as well as the tariff rate increases for Electric, Natural Gas, and Water Production. In January 2025, after providing a Tariff Public Hearing for the members, the board of directors approved a \$0.0225 increase for Electric, a \$0.0519 increase for Potable Water, and a \$0.0263 increase for Non-potable Water. It is very important to note that we do not have authority over the BUS Water & Sewer rates.

The Cooperative's construction work in progress ended the year with \$5,301,500 which increased from the prior year's total by \$3,124,733. Also, the Cooperative's net long-term debt and long-term liabilities combined decreased by \$287,154. The projects reflected in this balance are aimed at extending services to members, improving services to existing members, and replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. These projects also help the Cooperative to provide additional capacity to meet demands and to increase service reliability to members.

## *Treasurer's Report cont'd*

During 2025, BUECI ended the year with net margins of \$4,488,448, resulting in an increase of member equity to a total of \$27,383,699. As a cooperative operating on a not-for-profit tax basis, it is important to understand that these are not profits, but rather member patronage which is returned to the members over a 25 to 30-year repayment cycle.

In May 2025, the board of directors approved a resolution to retire capital credit in the amount of \$547,609 to its members. Since BUECI's inception in 1964, we have returned \$21,538,285.08 to our members.

Again, I want to thank the management team and its staff for providing this financial report to all of you. Our auditors, BDO USA, P.C., have issued a clean and unmodified opinion on the financial statements as a result of their audit. I want to give special thanks to the Barrow Utility crews who are so hard-working throughout the year, and for providing us the essential services we use daily.

Respectfully,

*Don A. Nungasak*

Don A. Nungasak  
BUECI Board Treasurer



# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## BALANCE SHEETS

<i>December 31,</i>	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Utility Plant</b>		
Electric utility plant	\$ 27,606,977	\$ 27,315,411
Gas utility plant	3,231,085	3,214,361
Water utility plant	24,689,930	24,680,549
Buildings and improvements	9,281,257	9,072,830
Vehicles and heavy equipment	3,260,102	3,161,928
Other general plant	1,958,980	2,044,891
Right of use asset - operating lease	715,999	715,999
<b>Total Utility Plant in Service</b>	<b>70,744,330</b>	<b>70,205,969</b>
Construction work in progress	5,301,500	2,176,767
<b>Total Utility Plant</b>	<b>76,045,830</b>	<b>72,382,736</b>
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(40,637,553)	(39,008,269)
<b>Net Utility Plant</b>	<b>35,408,277</b>	<b>33,374,467</b>
<b>Other Assets and Investments</b>		
Restricted cash:		
Consumer deposits	132,966	128,372
Emergency fund	487,000	487,000
Restricted investments - certificate of deposit	25,000	25,000
Investments in associated organizations	3,263,070	3,025,690
<b>Total Other Assets and Investments</b>	<b>3,908,036</b>	<b>3,666,062</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash - general	3,783,388	2,412,056
Consumer accounts receivable net of allowance for expected credit losses of \$123,396 in 2025 and \$122,723 in 2024	2,948,466	2,090,052
Other accounts receivable, net	4,997,029	5,065,900
Materials, fuel and supplies inventories	1,797,047	2,283,997
Prepayments	81,303	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>13,607,233</b>	<b>11,852,005</b>
<b>Deferred Charges</b>	<b>1,684,632</b>	<b>1,925,294</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 54,608,178</b>	<b>\$ 50,817,828</b>

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## BALANCE SHEETS *cont'd*

<i>December 31,</i>	2025	2024
<b>Equities and Liabilities</b>		
<b>Equities</b>		
Memberships	\$ 4,698	\$ 4,698
Patronage capital	27,383,699	23,442,860
Other equities	2,248,032	2,238,541
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>29,636,429</b>	<b>25,686,099</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	19,387,574	19,653,320
Leases payable, net of current portion	641,161	662,569
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>20,028,735</b>	<b>20,315,889</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,324,111	1,319,064
Current portion of leases payable	19,918	19,090
Accounts payable	1,387,750	1,675,705
Consumer deposits	132,966	128,972
Accrued payroll and benefits	637,639	353,876
Accrued interest	6,892	7,471
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,509,276</b>	<b>3,504,178</b>
<b>Deferred Credits</b>		
Consumer advances	301,762	304,506
Allocations due to North Slope Borough	1,131,976	1,007,156
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>24,971,749</b>	<b>25,131,729</b>
<b>Total Equities and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 54,608,178</b>	<b>\$ 50,817,828</b>

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE & CHANGES IN PATRONAGE CAPITAL

<i>Years ended December 31,</i>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Electric service	\$ 8,139,549	\$ 7,131,115
Gas service	2,990,746	2,898,005
Water sales	9,161,851	4,895,496
Service revenue:		
Barrow Utilidor System water distribution	13,216,432	9,469,208
Barrow Utilidor System sewage collection	9,156,977	8,735,182
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>42,665,555</b>	<b>33,129,006</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Gas for generation	763,631	743,963
Gas for resale	693,064	755,674
Water for resale	7,293,642	3,708,523
Operations and maintenance:		
Electric production	1,844,754	1,595,293
Electric distribution	1,742,954	1,434,969
Gas distribution	1,691,849	1,235,383
Water production and distribution	1,809,408	1,597,333
Barrow Utilidor System water distribution	3,309,008	3,224,376
Barrow Utilidor System sewage collection	5,437,540	5,228,085
Consumer accounts	641,506	653,989
Administrative and general	9,443,612	8,895,250
Taxes	911,701	878,777
Depreciation	2,153,636	2,206,791
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>37,736,305</b>	<b>32,158,406</b>
Operating margins before fixed charges	4,929,250	970,600
<b>Fixed Charges</b> - interest on long-term debt	<b>805,311</b>	<b>826,744</b>
Operating margins after fixed charges	4,123,939	143,856
<b>Nonoperating Margins</b>		
Interest income	443,942	285,545
Income from investments in associated organizations	178,227	27,553
Donations	(257,660)	(237,568)
<b>Net Nonoperating Margins</b>	<b>364,509</b>	<b>75,530</b>
Net margins	4,488,448	219,386
<b>Patronage Capital, beginning of year</b>	<b>23,442,860</b>	<b>23,223,474</b>
Patronage capital distributions	(547,609)	-
<b>Patronage Capital, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 27,383,699</b>	<b>\$ 23,442,860</b>

# EMPLOYEE SHOWCASE



## Meet the BUECI Team

Here is just a few of our dedicated employees at BUECI who work tirelessly in our offices, facilities, and outdoors, even in the chilly winter weather.

**Quyanaqpak for your service!**



# DOOR PRIZES

List as of  
5/26/2026

## **GRAND PRIZE:** DJI Mini 5 Pro Drone Combo

All submitted valid ballots (mail or in-person) are eligible to win this prize!

### **Door Prizes for Mail-in Ballots**

You will be eligible for this category if you submitted a valid mail ballot!

1. (3) \$100 Gas Cards
2. (3) \$100 Utility Credits
3. Stanley Heritage Classic Thermos 2QT

### **Door Prizes for attending In-Person**

You will be eligible for this category if you attend the annual meeting in person, even if you have already submitted a valid mail ballot!

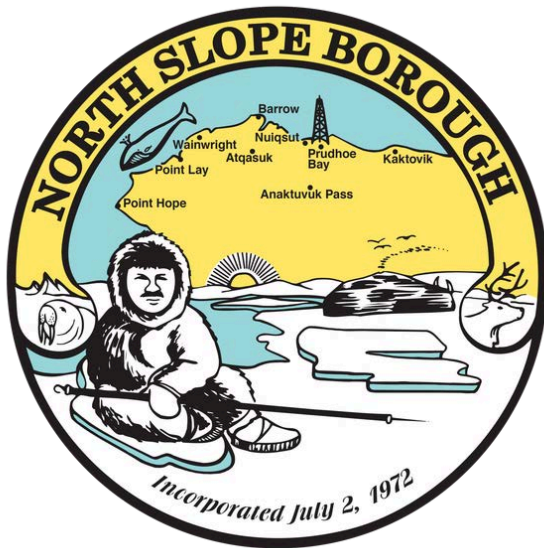
1. Eskimo Outbreak 850XD Insulated Pop-up Tent
2. Janome JW8100 Sewing Machine w/ Ext Table & Accessories & Hardcover
3. Burris Waterproof 10x42 Binoculars
4. Gas One Double Burner Camping Stove w/ Legs
5. Five-Piece Luggage Set-Hard Case
6. Coleman Dunnock 20°F Big-n-Tall Sleeping Bag

### **Donated Prizes**

7. (8) \$250 Utility Credits - Donated by North Slope Borough
8. (4) \$250 Utility Credits – Donated by Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation
9. (5) \$100 Gift Cards - Donated by Mario's Pizza LLC
10. (1) \$250 Utility Credit – Donated by City of Utqiagvik
11. (2) \$150 Utility Credits - Donated by Scott's Superior Painting & Drywall
12. (3) \$100 Gift Cards – Donated by ACE Hardware Top of the World
13. (2) \$100 Visa Gift Cards - Donated by Kemppele, Huffman and Ellis
14. (2) \$100 Utility Credits – Donated by GV Jones and Associates, Inc.
15. (1) \$50 Cash Prize – Donated by T&R Electric Supply Company
16. (12) \$25.00 Gift Cards - Donated by Kannika's Kitchen & Mini Mart
17. (1) Copper River Fleece Arctic Hat - Donated by Alaska Power Association
18. (2) Swag Bags with multiprizes - Donated by ASNA, Ltd,

More prizes may have been added!  
See updated sheet with BUECI staff.

# DOOR PRIZE SPONSORS



**UKPEAĠVIK  
 IŃUPIAT  
 CORPORATION**



**Mario's Pizza LLC**



**Utqiaġvik, Alaska**  
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