

Electric utility guidance for marijuana cultivators

AO 2016-3(S) created a new section in code, 21.03.105, that established certain requirements for persons seeking a special land use permit for marijuana. For cultivation facilities, one of those requirements is to secure a letter from the serving electric utility as follows:

- iv. A letter from the applicable electric utility stating that the power capacity at the proposed location is sufficient for the intended use.

Three different electric utilities provide retail service within the Municipality of Anchorage. Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) serves from Eagle River to the Knik River. Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) serves Downtown and much of Midtown. Chugach Electric Association (Chugach) serves from Midtown south, as well as the east and west parts of the Anchorage Bowl.

Here is the point of contact for the above referenced letter from each electric utility.

MEA	761-9449
ML&P	263-5212
Chugach	762-4631

For the location of the intended cultivation facility, each utility is likely to ask for the following items of information:

- The estimated monthly demand in kilowatts
- The estimated monthly consumption in kilowatt-hours
- The intended size of the service for the building in amps
- The intended type of service (single-phase or 3-phase)

