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| Alakanuk | Nightmute |
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| Brevig Mission | Nunapitchuk |
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| Goodnews Bay | St. Mary's |
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| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
| Mt. Village | Wales |
| New Stuyahok | |



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Meet Charles Green

Charles Green, see the cover photo, has been our power plant operator in Tununak ever since Simon Billy retired in 2007 after serving his community for more than 30 years. Charles has been an enthusiastic and dedicated operator. He attended wind turbine training at Northern Power's facilities in Vermont in 2008 to become a certified wind technician.

Charles' training has allowed him to help us diagnose problems with the wind turbines in Toksook Bay, where we recently installed a fourth machine. He confers with AVEC technicians and Northern Power representatives to evaluate and coordinate repair work and order parts. He is able to install new parts and perform minor maintenance to keep the turbines operating.

Having a locally trained windsmith saves AVEC time and money due to quicker response time. AVEC's Manager of Operations Mark Bryan said Charles has been very helpful and he knows he can rely on him to help keep the wind turbines operating.

With the latest wind turbine addition, the communities of Toksook Bay, Tununak and Nightmute can expect to see as much as 25 percent of their electricity being produced by wind, with the savings going entirely into lower local rates.

Charles is happy to work for AVEC and is proud of the skilled work he is able to do. When we spoke with him shortly after his training with Northern Power, he said he used to be afraid of heights and was a little intimidated climbing up the high towers. But now he climbs right up and down the towers and can stand on top and look around with no problems.

Charles is a great example of local community members stepping up to the plate to be trained to provide skilled services in their own communities for the benefit of all.

Charles is married and has eight children, who are all part of the extended AVEC family.

Don't Miss Your Village Annual Meeting

Meeting packets and boxes of attendance prizes have been sent out to every one of our villages to assist the chairman and secretary in organizing this year's village meetings. At these important meetings, each village will get to select delegates to represent their issues, concerns and suggestions for improvements at the AVEC annual meeting next March.

Every member who attends will receive a \$20 credit on their electric bill and a chance to win \$250 in local door prizes. In addition, there are fun door prizes for all attendees and an opportunity to win the grand prize drawn at the March annual meeting.

Until next time,

Meera Kohler
President and CEO