

2005 CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION ELECTION

STATEMENTS FOR Chugach Consumers - ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Alan Christopherson

Service Area: Turnagain subdivision
Age: 52
Occupation: Civil Engineer
Employer: PND Inc. (owner)
Education: B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Washington in Seattle.
M.S. Civil Engineering, University of Alaska Anchorage
Nominated by: Petition
Member for: 25 Years
Incumbent: No
Declarations: None

Candidate Statement

We are at a critical juncture and must explore all options, both technical and organizational, to reduce costs.

Today's electric rates include interest and depreciation on projects that were built decades ago. If those projects were built at a higher cost due to restricted bid competition or poor decisions, you are still paying for old mistakes.

Now the Railbelt utilities are contemplating \$1 billion of replacement generation construction in the next decade. We need to make sure these new projects are both necessary and built at a reasonable price or the extra costs will, in the same way, be passed on to our children and even grandchildren.

My background with energy projects, international tenders, contracts, construction, design/build, and alternative designs, will provide knowledge and experience to address replacement generation and other construction.

As an owner of a leading Alaskan civil engineering company doing business worldwide, I am very experienced with cost control and contracts. With 30 years in providing value-based infrastructure development, I bring a broad range of technical and business experience. I've served on national boards and local commissions, and was awarded 2003 Alaska's Engineer of the Year.

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Uwe Kalenka

Service Area: Kwik Log Subdivision
Age: 60
Occupation: Property Manager
Employer: Self Employed
Education: B.A. History, University of Alaska Anchorage
B.A. Justice, University of Alaska Anchorage
Nominated by: Petition
Member for: 33 Years
Incumbent: No
Declarations: My brother is on the Chugach Culinary staff

Candidate Statement

Enough is enough. Chugach continues to run up costs by disregarding the Free, Open and Competitive bidding bylaw passed by 80% of Chugach voters in 1996. In 2002, it rubber-stamped, without negotiation, an extension of the bloated IBEW Union contracts (circumventing the bylaw) and now appears to want to do it again, more than a year before the contracts expire. Chugach members spoke loudly in 1996, but nothing has changed nine years later. That is not right. Unnecessary rate increases must stop. As your board member I will insist that these contracts be negotiated and modernized.

I would also reinstate the Chugach goal to be in the top ten percent of electric utilities nationwide in delivering value to its members. This would include performance measures and benchmarking to instill competition where currently there is none and assure that we are meeting our goal.

Extensive performance evaluations of Chugach remain secret. I can only imagine they were not favorable or they would have been shared with us, the members who paid for them. I'm committed to making such information public. As owners of Chugach, we should know how our cooperative is performing.

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Elizabeth (Liz) Vazquez

Service Area: Sand Lake
Age: 53
Occupation: Attorney
Employer: State of Alaska
Education: M.B.A. Alaska Pacific
University 4/05
J.D. Cornell Law School
B.A. SUNY at Albany
Nominated by: Petition
Member for: 20 Years
Incumbent: No
Declarations: None

Candidate Statement

Electric costs along with other utility costs, are driving up your household budget. But it doesn't stop there. When businesses pay more for utilities, the prices for groceries, clothes and other goods and services also increase. Moreover, because the municipality is spending more for utilities, these costs are passed on to you in the form of increased property taxes. This all reduces the standard of living of Chugach customers and hurts the ability of south-central Alaska to attract new industry needed to diversify our economy.

We cannot continue doing business as usual. As a board member, I will:

- Insist the cost of electricity to you be no higher than necessary. Full implementation of competitive bidding is long overdue.
- Identify and press to eliminate waste and inefficiencies.
- Work for better reporting to customers on how Chugach rates compare to the best performing companies in the industry.

In light of my experience in audits, investigations and criminal prosecutions, I will not hesitate to ask the tough questions and seek solutions that will benefit all Chugach customers.

I look forward to the privilege of serving you on the Board.

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