

# 2008 CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION ELECTION

## CHUGACH CONSUMERS ENDORSED CANDIDATES

### Uwe Kalenka

Service Area: Kwik Log Subdivision  
Member: 37 Years  
Occupation: Property Manager  
Employer: Self Employed  
Education: B.A. History, Univ. of Alaska Anchorage  
B.A. Justice, Univ. of Alaska Anchorage  
NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director;  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: Yes  
Declarations: None



### Candidate Statement

Significant achievements by our reform majority:

- o Commissioned a distinguished Blue Ribbon Panel of top executives for an unprecedented review of long-standing Chugach problems. We released their findings and regard them as our roadmap and mandate for action.
- o Pressed forward to address long-term solutions to the coming depletion of Cook Inlet natural gas. It's unacceptable to have all our eggs in one basket with 93% reliance on gas-fired generation.
- o Requested legislative action to update Susitna hydro and will continue to pursue energy alternatives – wind, geothermal and all other viable options.
- o Obtained the very first cap on health costs in an IBEW Union contract.
- o Stopped lawsuit against our former Board president and a consumer group for speaking the truth.

This has been a difficult struggle. All of these actions should have been done by previous, IBEW-backed Boards. Yet none of them were. Why? Because the ratepayer's pocketbook wasn't their priority. But it is mine.

We need to control electric rates. I believe we have completed the foundation to make real progress.

We are not yet finished. With your support, we can complete the job.

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### Rebecca Logan

Service Area: Turnagain View  
Member: 5 years  
Occupation: President  
Employer: ABC Alaska  
Education: B.A. English, University of Oklahoma  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: Yes  
Declarations: None



### Candidate Statement

A study conducted by the Center for Association Leadership in 2002 concluded that the following attributes were characteristics of remarkable associations:

- Ask what members need
- Do what needs to be done
- Learn to let go of programs that no longer serve or resonate with members
- Embrace failure as an opportunity to learn how to better serve members
- Promote an open, sharing environment where a sense of single purpose prevails
- Question the status quo
- Be methodical and disciplined about collecting member data and opinions
- Strive to understand what precipitates a crisis and face it head-on
- Talk with members at every opportunity

These are the things that differentiate a good association from a remarkable association. I believe in these principles and practice them daily in my job as a CEO.

Chugach Electric Association is on the road to becoming a remarkable association. Chugach has established itself as the leader in bringing together other utilities to focus on common goals that serve the ratepayers.

I would like to participate in the future-working with all stakeholders to lead Chugach on the road to remarkable!

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### Elizabeth Vazquez

Service Area: Sand Lake  
Member: 19 years  
Occupation: Attorney  
Employer: State of Alaska  
Education: M.B.A. Alaska Pacific University  
J.D. Cornell Law School  
B.A. SUNY at Albany  
NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: Yes  
Declarations: None



### Candidate Statement

As Board Chair, I am proud of the accomplishments of the new reform board. We are taking Chugach in a new direction where Chugach pays as much attention to efficiency and lowering costs as it does to reliability.

Our accomplishments include:

- Appointing a new acting CEO committed to controlling costs.
- Ushering in a new era of cooperation with our sister utilities. For the first time in decades, Chugach is working with other utilities to construct and manage new generation. One study identified \$86 million in joint savings. New generation is also 30-40% more fuel-efficient.
- Partnering with other utilities to eliminate costly duplication in overhead.
- Adding transparency by opening meetings to news cameras and recording executive sessions.
- Working with Green Star to promote energy conservation that helps our customers lower their costs.
- Supporting efforts to look at alternative forms of energy, including a major regional hydroelectric project on the Susitna River.

There is much more to do. To keep cost saving reforms moving forward, please vote for the reform team: Directors Uwe Kalenka, Rebecca Logan and Elizabeth Vazquez.

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