

# WATCH YOUR WALLET!!

Chugach Electric is working HARD to raise your rates!

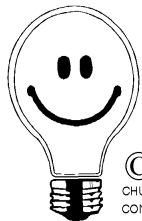
## MANAGEMENT ABANDONS EFFICIENCY GOAL

*"To be among the top 10% of electric utilities in economic efficiency"*

**Chugach wants rate increases from YOU to pay for higher labor costs but meekly accepted the IBEW Union's first contract offer without negotiations**

**Outrageous YEARLY wages and benefits (recent examples):** Relief Maintenance Operator (\$254,628); Swing Loop Wagon Lineman (\$197,873); Journeyman Lineman (\$148,882); Maintenance Tech (\$180,054); Power Dispatcher Trainee IV (\$130,809); Power Plant Warehouseman (\$143,368); Boiler Operator (\$132,049); Plant Helper (\$116,769). Full list: [www.chugachconsumers.org](http://www.chugachconsumers.org)

**All out of YOUR RATES! When will it end? NEVER! UNLESS YOU BECOME INFORMED AND TAKE ACTION**



### CONSUMER TIP:

**BE SURE TO VOTE! It's your only chance to shop for lower cost power!**

Keep this card until you receive your Chugach Electric ballot envelope. If not received within the next 7 - 10 days, call 566-1700 and Chugach will send a replacement.

NOTICE: If your household makes a utility payment to Chugach Electric, you should soon receive a large white envelope from Chugach. Please don't throw it away! It contains your ballot for the Chugach Board of Directors, and you can use it to save money each month by voting for a strong board that will keep utility rates down.

## CHUGACH IS A MONOPOLY

**Save \$150 to \$300 a year on electric costs (much more if you are a business) by paying attention and acting on the information in this flyer!**

Safe, Reliable, LOW COST Power for South Central Alaska!



# Chugach Board is caving in to special interests!

- **Abuse of board executive session secrecy** suppressed key information so management could:
  - ◇ Promote the costly Southern Intertie boondoggle (Anchorage Daily News, 3/16/03, 3/11/03, 1/24/03, 1/21/03)
  - ◇ Cover up lost IBEW Union labor cost savings given away when contract was not negotiated (Anchorage Daily News, 4/17/02, 3/28/02)
- **Flagrant disregard of Competitive Bidding Bylaw** passed by 80% of Chugach voters. Rendered ineffective with the IBEW Union contract extension, **bloating construction costs and your bill.**
- Recent Chugach management goals to **raise more revenues from YOU** instead of lowering costs — and your rates (2002 General Manager goals adopted 8/21/02 by Chugach Board)
- Much more information — See: [www.chugachconsumers.org](http://www.chugachconsumers.org)

**Strengthen the members voice on the board** by returning **Chris BIRCH** and adding community financial watchdog **Uwe KALENKA**



**ELECT**   
Uwe  
**KALENKA**  
*Property Manager*



**RE-ELECT**   
Chris  
**BIRCH**  
*Engineer*



**DON'T VOTE FOR COMPENSATION BYLAW!** For the **FIFTH** time the board wants to raise its own pay but now **with no limit.** Board should first earn any raise by cracking the whip on management to be more efficient and **LOWER YOUR RATES.**

**DON'T VOTE FOR PAT KENNEDY!** She has a long-standing nine year anti-consumer voting record and opposed the Free, Open and Competitive bidding bylaw passed by 80% of Chugach voters: [www.chugachconsumers.org](http://www.chugachconsumers.org)