

Chris Birch

Service Area: Valli Vue
 Age: 49
 Member: 8 years
 Occupation: Engineering & Facilities Manager
 Employer: Anchorage International Airport
 Education: M.S. Engineering Management, University of Alaska, B.S. Mining Engineering, UAA
 Nominated by: Nominating Committee
 Incumbent: Yes
 Declarations: None declared

**Candidate Statement**

During the past year I have been privileged to serve as your Board President and was recently nominated for re-election. Over the past five years Chugach has increased your membership equity from 20% to 30% while operating at staffing levels reduced from a peak of nearly 400 to 360. This has occurred with no decline in reliability, a tribute to the capabilities of the men and women of Chugach Electric.

Milestones for the past year at Chugach include:

- Holding the line on electric rates;
- Responding exceptionally well to some of the worst avalanche conditions experienced since Chugach startup in 1948; and
- Refinancing Chugach debt at multimillion dollar savings to ratepayers.

I have the ability, interest and commitment to meet the challenges facing our cooperative and will continue to closely manage operating costs, work toward a deregulated competitive environment to benefit ratepayers and evaluate options for accelerating capital credit distributions to our members. Please call me at home at 346-3265 or e-mail me at chris_birch@chugach.net if you have any questions. With your vote I will continue to put ratepayers' interests first.

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Note: Candidate statements must comply with cert:

Paul S. Honeman

Service Area: Scenic Park
 Age: 39
 Member: 11 1/2 years
 Occupation: Anchorage Police Officer/Supervisor
 Employer: Municipality of Anchorage
 Education: UAA/Wayland/ACC, 2 years toward B.A. in Criminal Justice/ Business Management
 Nominated by: Petition
 Incumbent: No
 Declarations: None declared

**Candidate Statement**

As an Alaskan since 1963, and member of Chugach Electric for over 12 years, I have a strong interest in the future of our Association.

My career as an Anchorage police officer has taught me that public service is an important part of being a good neighbor. I wish to serve on the board to reflect the views of average families -- families that write a sizable check every month to Chugach for their electricity.

I will continue the efforts to increase efficiencies and cost containment without dropping service quality. Deregulation debt financing and replacement of aging equipment are some of the major areas where costs can be reduced.

I support policies that will benefit ratepayers. Those include:

1. Labor contracts which allow more flexibility in bidding work.
2. Opening the electrical industry to competition.
3. Continuing the benchmark program to improve Chugach's performance.

Recently, Chugach fought off MEA's hostile takeover. Our Association's management handled that issue well. However, the recent avalanches that cut power between Anchorage and Girdwood for nearly two days demonstrates that we can always do better. I will support the creation of better contingency plans for Girdwood and other outlying areas in our service area.

Thank you.