

Samuel W. "Sam" Cason

Service area: Turnagain
Member for: 28 years
Occupation: Attorney
Employer: Self employed
Education: B.A. Chemistry, University of Arkansas; J.D. University of Arkansas; Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)
Nominated by: Nominating Committee
Incumbent: No
Declarations: None



Candidate Statement

We are facing new challenges. In times of uncertainty, we should not have to worry about our electric utility service remaining a stable and sustainable part of our life and our economy. As a lifelong Alaskan with extensive utility experience, I ask for your vote to protect that stability.

The acquisition of ML&P has been more complex than expected. The economic impact of the pandemic won't be fully understood for months or years to come. The Swan Lake fire last summer exposed vulnerability in the transmission line from Bradley Lake. In this rapidly changing landscape, Chugach must examine its policies and plans including those for efficiently integrating renewables and working with the other railbelt utilities.

I previously served on the Chugach Board from 2003-2005. For ten years after that I served as a Public Advocate before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. There I argued for fair, reasonable rates, and for reliable service, not only for electricity but for other utility services like water, sewer, and trash as well.

If elected, I promise to put consumers first. My family has four generations of Alaskans depending on Chugach. Chugach's purpose is to provide reliable, low cost power, and that is my priority.