

2021 Candidates

Note: Candidate statements must comply with certain standards. See page 3 for more information.

Erin Whitney

Member for: 4 years
Occupation: Associate Research
Professor
Employer: University of Alaska
Education: Ph.D. Physical Chem-
istry, University of
Colorado-Boulder; B.A.
Chemistry, Williams
College; Robert Service
High School
Nominated by: Nominating Committee
Incumbent: No
Declarations: None



Candidate Statement

With 15 years of experience in the energy sector, I will push for affordable, reliable, diversified energy as a Board Member. I grew up in Anchorage, graduated from Service High School, currently work in the Anchorage office of the Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP), and serve on a community nonprofit board. I have worked on various projects involving Chugach Electric, including an analysis of its flywheel and battery storage project with Cook Inlet wind for the Alaska Energy Authority, an assessment of Railbelt utility coordination options for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, and ongoing discussions about the implications of electric vehicles with its Business and Sustainability Program. Our team also helped start and continues to provide technical support for neighborhood Solarize Anchorage campaigns.

Chugach will need to consider electrification trends, increasing renewables, coordination with Railbelt utilities, finite natural gas supplies, and new approaches to rate structures and smart metering. I will encourage new electrification strategies that build load, spread fixed costs, and reduce rates. Chugach can and should continue to lead the Railbelt toward low-cost, low-carbon electricity.

I will bring to the Board my energy and leadership experience, critical thinking skills, and advocacy for our community.