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Homer Electric Association retiree recognized for exceptional service to community and cooperative

The Alaska Power Association membership recognized the contributions of Rick Porter with the Hatcher-Williams-Turkington Employee Award for exemplary service to his electric cooperative and his community. Porter recently retired from a 30-year career with Homer Electric Association. He was nominated by nearly 50 of his fellow employees at the member-owned electric cooperative.

The award was announced by Brad Reeve, Alaska Power Association Board President, at Alaska Power Association's 57th Annual Membership Meeting in Barrow, Alaska on August 14.

Reeve said, "For the past 30 years, Rick Porter guided the development of Homer Electric's information services department as the cooperative grew from 10,000 meters to nearly 30,000. While Rick's expertise and knowledge in the information services field is extensive, personal attributes certainly set him apart as an outstanding employee. Everyone who worked with him at HEA will attest to his unwavering patience and dedication. Rick has been a leader in his church for many years, taking on various duties that resulted in a better community."

The APA award is named after Robert Hatcher, former board member of Kodiak Electric Association; Fred Williams, board member of Copper Valley Electric Association; and Robert Turkington, former board member of Homer Electric Association. All are past recipients of the prestigious Mason Lazelle Achievement Award, the highest level award presented by the Alaska's electric industry trade association.

Alaska Power Association, formerly known as the Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association, is the 57-year old statewide trade association for urban and rural electric utilities. It provides advocacy and program services to help member utilities in their efforts to provide Alaskans with affordable and reliable electric power.

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