



Thomas Rowse

District 5 Candidate

Member/Owner since 1980

Education: Associate of Applied Science

Employment: Retired

Affiliations: None

Candidate statement:

Inland Power is a trusted, vitally important part of our infrastructure and our everyday lives. Their reliability and success is accomplished through sound policies, dedicated employees and strong leadership. The future of the utility is based with its strong approach to challenges that includes education, detailed planning and forward involvement to insure its place in the future.

Why do you want to serve on the board of trustees?

This is an opportunity to contribute to an organization that has established success and growth. All employees and trustees have contributed their part to this success through their knowledge and diverse backgrounds. It will be my honor, if elected, to continue on with this legacy and approach all challenges with an open mind in the tradition to move Inland Power into the future.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

I have been a member since 1980 at my home Nine Mile Falls where I raised my family. I have retired from a career at Spokane County where I spent almost 35 years. I have expertise in the management of a large diverse fleet of vehicles and heavy equipment and the associated staff to maintain and insure availability.

I also am a retired volunteer fireman where I spent over 28 years in services in Spokane County. I have held the positions of firefighter, EMT First Responder, Lieutenant and Captain.

The utility faces many challenges. Where would you focus your attention?

The threat to the Snake River dams is at a critical stage. We need to meet this challenge at every opportunity. Our summers continue to be longer and hotter and the threat of wildfires are real every year. Inland Power's service area is experiencing growth every year, which translates into more members and development. Education is vitally important to help address fire wise policies.

What else would you like the membership to know about you as a candidate?

I was on the front-line during the firestorm of 1991 and ice storm of 1996. My experiences from those events will always be with me. I bring first hand knowledge of how improvements can be made to help provide a better response to those types of disasters. I have a vast knowledge of government procurement, policies and safety protocols. I have negotiated contracts for membership and management both. I am an avid outdoorsman who has spent my entire live in this area enjoying the truly beautiful area we live in.