

AVEC Honors Pilot Station Man

The Alaska Village Electric Cooperative has named Tommy Heckman of Pilot Station "Power Plant Operator of the Year" for 1979. He will be formally honored at the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative March 26 in Anchorage.

He has operated and maintained the power plant in his Lower Yukon community for the past eight years.

"Tommy has set a Cooperative record for keeping an AC 11000 running longer than any other operator without a major overhaul," said AVEC Operations Manager Bob Brouillette. He has also been successful in following fuel conservation practices so

carefully that he has saved the Cooperative's members thousands of dollars.

Other factors in Heckman's selection are his careful accounting of parts and materials and close attention to safety and security of the Pilot Station power system.
