

DOUGLAS MCKEE ROWAN



Doug's college degrees were from Cornell University in Electrical Engineering (Power major) and an MBA. After graduation, he worked for IBM for 22 years. In 1994, he was recruited by Bill Gates to be the founding President and CEO of Corbis (the leader in the licensing and publishing of digital content). Since leaving Corbis in 1997, he has been advising technology startup companies and several not-for-profit organizations (including Surf Incubator and CureViolence).

Doug has always been interested in power production including alternative energies, distribution and the use of electronics to make systems more efficient. At IBM, he was Utility Industry Manager and responsible for IBM's role in creating systems for public utilities to help utilities manage power generation and distribution. He also managed the IBM team that helped set up and manage the New York Power Pool, created after the 1965 blackout to coordinate the role of eight NY State utilities in keeping such a calamity from re-occurring.

Doug and his wife Liz moved to San Juan Island in January 2012 and have both been active in a number of island activities. Doug sings with The Island Chordsmen Plus and is a member of the San Juan Island Grange. Doug is also part of a group sponsored by the San Juan Islands Economic Development Council which is looking to foster entrepreneurship in the San Juans by setting up a business incubator, holding business plan competitions and encouraging mentoring of startup businesses through meetups and in other ways.

Doug is experienced at consensus-building and communicating with stakeholders under pressure.

Doug's priorities for OPALCO would be to continue reliable, low cost power, alternative energy and conservation initiatives and use of technology in all areas. Also, reliable, high speed broadband is essential to the San Juan Islands and recent events have shown that our current broadband service needs strengthening. OPALCO needs to play a key role in our broadband needs and Doug could help with this.



Cast your vote for the OPALCO Board of Directors online or by mailing in your absentee ballot (deadline for receipt is noon on Friday, May 2nd) or by attending the **77th Annual Meeting on the ferry** **Saturday, May 3rd** 9:45-11:15 a.m.