

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES

WINNIE ADAMS (INCUMBENT)



After completing an M.A. from Stanford University, I moved to the San Juans in 1977. I have a background in environmental education and yoga instruction as well as classroom teaching. I joined the OPALCO Board in 2010 to fill out Roger Crosby's term. In 2012, I was elected to the board.

When I moved to Waldron in 1977, I taught in the school and built a small house. I now divide my time between Waldron and Orcas. While living on Waldron I became interested in renewable energy and installed solar power. Since joining the board I have served on the M.O.R.E.

committee, a volunteer group of members who designed and administer our locally generated renewable energy program. Recently we expanded our conservation and efficiency outreach by partnering with the San Juan Islands Conservation District.

The chief challenges I see as important to us in shaping our future involve:

- Better engaging our members in individual energy conservation. Our choices can make a collective impact to help steady the load draw, shave peaks and reduce energy waste to keep us in Bonneville Power Administration's lowest rate schedule.
- Continuing to offer good conservation and alternative energy programs and encouraging growth of locally generated energy through community solar installations.
- Fine-tuning our management of the new wholly owned company, Rock Island Communications.
- Most co-op improvements ahead involve communication. Our investment and build out of a fiber system is essential for communicating with the grid, with BPA, within our own system, and with our members.

In this time of transition the OPALCO membership is served by the following strengths:

- OPALCO is in sound financial condition.
- We have a strong management team and well-trained, ambitious staff.
- OPALCO continues to grow our new Energy Services Department, making good use of energy conservation programs.
- Our excellent web page and social media presence keeps our members informed with blogs of interest, informational and instructional videos.
- And our greatest strength, an alert, intelligent membership.