



Jim Lett
District 3 Director
Home Island: Lopez

Appointed to fill a vacancy in 2009
Elected: 2010
Re-Elected: 2013

BIO (2013):

Jim has served as an OPALCO Director since 2009. He is the current Vice President of the Board of Directors (elected President in 2014) and has completed the coursework for the National Rural Electric Association and received Credentialed Director Certification.

Jim is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and has an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. His career spanned 35 years with a national insurance carrier, including as Director of Loss Control, Underwriting Vice President for Commercial Insurance, Marketing, and Reinsurance. He also served on the Business School Advisory Board for Washington State University for several years. This background has been helpful in managing OPALCO'S complex insurance programs.

Jim and his wife Shanley are natives of Washington and have lived on Lopez for nearly 20 years. Jim says they are thankful every day that they are able to do so. Since retiring Jim has been an active member of the community, participating in the Mentor Program of the Family Resource Center and at Lopez Children's Center. He is past chairman of the Lopez Library Board, is twice past Commodore of the Lopez Island Yacht Club, served as the business representative on the San Juan County Salary Commission, and is the current chairman of the Board of Commissioners of San Juan Fire District #4.

In 2012 OPALCO celebrated its 75th anniversary of supplying affordable, reliable power to the islands, which is now more than 80% underground. OPALCO's commitment to the membership has remained steadfast and has earned respect throughout the industry. Regular inspections and audits by federal and state authorities give OPALCO the highest possible marks.

OPALCO has been a leader in supporting new technology, energy efficiency and conservation methods such as solar and wind power for home use, automatic meter reading and power management systems. Jim is committed to further strengthening these programs and our Co-op's reputation as a model Northwest utility.

Jim says, "Our strategic directives provide a path for continuing improvement and our charge remains to provide reliable power and related services to improve the quality of life for our members. I am proud to be part of this team and, with your support, I hope to continue with another term."