BRIAN SILVERSTEIN



I worked for Bonneville Power Administration, our power provider, for three decades. Now retired, I would like the opportunity to serve our community on the OPALCO Board. My wife and I purchased our home on Lopez in 2008 and we moved here in 2013. I believe in transparent decision making.

Key issues

Keep electricity costs reasonable by managing costs before raising rates. I support using a small portion of our revenue to assist members who

need help to pay their bill. Consider innovative rate designs to stabilize revenue as electric use declines so OPALCO stays sound.

Maintain reliability by maintaining and replacing our facilities and supporting crews and staff.

Pursue all cost-effective conservation. Explore demand response and rate designs to reduce OPALCO's peak power purchases from Bonneville Power Administration.

Use our fiberoptic backbone investment to enhance crew safety, keep the lights on, improve metering and enable demand response. Develop cost-effective broadband to support education, community development and enhance quality of life. Complete the buildout on schedule and ibudget. Carefully manage investments in Rock Island to protect OPALCO members.

Background and skills

After 33 years at BPA, I retired as Senior VP for Transmission. My work focused on planning, rates, operations, construction and maintenance. I regularly collaborated with utilities, government, tribes, environmental organizations and citizens. I'm proud of connecting over 5 million kilowatts of wind power to the grid.

I'm currently Board Chair of Peak Reliability, a non-profit that provides real-time grid monitoring in 14 western states and British Columbia. And I volunteer at the Lopez Dump.

I received a B. Eng. at The Cooper Union and M. Eng. at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

I listen to people.