MARK MADSEN



Mark has served as an OPALCO director since September 2015, appointed to fill a vacancy. Mark is an active member of the community, serving as a Trustee for the San Juan Island Library District, the Town of Friday Harbor's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and as President of the San Juan County Economic Development Council. He is also past co-chair of the SJ Islands Agricultural Guild and was involved in the planning, funding, and purchase of the Brickworks.

Mark has lived on San Juan Island full time since 2006. He earned his B.A. from the University of Washington, and a M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is currently in a Ph.D. program at UW. Professionally, Mark has 25 years of experience in computer networking and software engineering, including helping found and build a nationwide Internet service provider business from one location to having a presence in 30 cities in the US (and in Europe).

Mark is a co-founder of AllRecipes.com, founded Network Clarity, worked briefly at Microsoft in technology licensing, and was one of the first engineers working on live streaming audio and video at RealNetworks. Currently, Mark is chief data scientist for Ibis Networks, which makes hardware and software to analyze and control energy usage in buildings at the level of individual outlets.

Given his background in Internet service provider businesses, Mark is especially focused on oversight and planning for OPALCO's subsidiary, Rock Island Communications. He is also actively participating in future energy supply planning through OPALCO's membership in the Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative, and strives to improve communication with members about some of the complex energy supply and pricing challenges the Co-op faces.

If re-elected, Mark pledges to continue strong oversight of Rock Island and work on ways to keep members better informed about the many projects OPALCO undertakes.