

# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### ORCAS POWER & LIGHT COOPERATIVE AND SUBSIDIARY

December 31, 2018 and 2017



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### **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Board of Directors
Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary (collectively, the Cooperative), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related consolidated statements of revenues and margins, changes in patronage capital and other equities, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cooperative's consolidated financial statements. The consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and consolidating statements of revenues and margins for the years then ended (collectively, supplementary information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain other procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 6, 2019, on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Orcas Power & Light Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Everett, Washington

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May 6, 2019

# Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary Consolidated Balance Sheets

#### **ASSETS**

	December 31,			
	2018	2017		
UTILITY PLANT, at cost				
Electric plant in service	\$ 136,469,139	\$ 124,265,509		
Broadband plant in service	15,530,236	11,342,799		
Construction work in progress	7,967,279	11,411,969		
	159,966,654	147,020,277		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	51,810,727	47,115,324		
Net utility plant	108,155,927	99,904,953		
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS				
Investments in associated organizations	1,737,910	2,654,603		
Goodwill	189,034	220,108		
Total investments and other assets	1,926,944	2,874,711		
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,221,990	2,302,774		
Cash and cash equivalents - board designated	530,765	750,000		
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$75,980 and \$65,600 in 2018 and 2017	4,938,706	2 100 200		
Interest receivable	4,936,706 6,316	3,199,200 13,218		
Materials and supplies	4,538,603	5,277,557		
Prepaid expenses	499,854	461,688		
Total current assets	12,736,234	12,004,437		
Total assets	\$ 122,819,105	\$ 114,784,101		

### Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary Consolidated Balance Sheets

#### **EQUITIES, MARGINS, AND LIABILITIES**

	December 31,			
	2018	2017		
EQUITIES AND MARGINS				
Memberships	\$ 56,580	\$ 55,960		
Patronage capital	41,668,217	40,181,088		
Undistributed subsidiary losses	(9,571,004)	(7,069,952)		
Donated and other equities	6,479,465	5,984,621		
Total equities and margins	38,633,258	39,151,717		
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities				
RUS mortgage notes	47,256,888	41,812,701		
CFC mortgage notes	8,300,502	8,561,284		
Loan payable	19,000,000	13,500,000		
Long-term lease liability	451,523	735,005		
Total long-term debt	75,008,913	64,608,990		
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	2,766,120	3,559,396		
Customer deposits	83,857	87,218		
Accrued liabilities	1,156,654	2,466,212		
Line of credit	2,850,000	2,400,000		
Current maturities of long-term debt and leases	2,004,121	2,234,566		
Total current liabilities	8,860,752	10,747,392		
DEFERRED CREDITS	316,182	276,002		
Total equities, margins, and liabilities	\$ 122,819,105	\$ 114,784,101		

# Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Revenues and Margins

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	
OPERATING REVENUES			
Electricity sales	\$ 29,168,455	\$ 27,921,348	
Broadband sales	4,850,985	3,575,147	
Total operating revenues	34,019,440	31,496,495	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Cost of purchased power	9,053,663	8,916,059	
Transmission	252,433	210,740	
Distribution - operations	3,365,842	3,617,096	
Distribution - maintenance	1,945,822	1,767,342	
Consumer accounts	1,014,503	982,216	
Broadband services	788,916	708,340	
Administrative and general	7,802,531	6,920,827	
Depreciation and amortization	5,743,082	4,785,697	
Taxes	1,579,824	1,410,079	
Total operating expenses	31,546,616	29,318,396	
Operating margins before fixed charges	2,472,824	2,178,099	
FIXED CHARGES			
Interest on long-term debt	2,231,161	1,493,364	
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Operating margins after fixed charges	241,663	684,735	
PATRONAGE CAPITAL CREDITS	143,090	77,586	
Net operating margins	384,753	762,321	
NONOPERATING MARGINS			
Interest income	97,091	144,408	
Other income (loss)	24,473	(59,445)	
Total nonoperating margins	121,564	84,963	
NET MARGINS	\$ 506,317	\$ 847,284	

# Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Changes in Patronage Capital and Other Equities

	Mer	nberships	Patronage Capital	Donated and Other Equities	_	ndistributed Subsidiary Equities	 Total
BALANCE, December 31, 2016	\$	56,905	\$ 38,334,632	\$ 5,403,526	\$	(4,517,947)	\$ 39,277,116
Decrease in memberships, net Net margins (losses)		(945) -	3,399,289			(2,552,005)	(945) 847,284
Donated and returned capital Retirement of capital credits, net			 (1,552,833)	 581,095 -			 581,095 (1,552,833)
BALANCE, December 31, 2017		55,960	40,181,088	5,984,621		(7,069,952)	39,151,717
Increase in memberships, net Net margins (losses) Donated and returned capital Retirement of capital credits, net		620 - - -	3,007,369 - (1,520,240)	 - - 494,844 -		(2,501,052)	620 506,317 494,844 (1,520,240)
BALANCE, December 31, 2018	\$	56,580	\$ 41,668,217	\$ 6,479,465	\$	(9,571,004)	\$ 38,633,258

# Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Years Ended I	December 31,
	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net margins  Adjustments to reconcile net margins to net cash  from operating activities	\$ 506,317	\$ 847,284
Depreciation and amortization Changes in assets and liabilities	5,743,082	4,785,697
Accounts receivable	(1,739,506)	621,640
Interest receivable	6,902	(3,832)
Prepaid expenses	(7,092)	41,042
Accounts payable	(793,276)	1,482,360
Customer deposits	(3,361)	(2,710)
Accrued liabilities	(1,309,558)	1,012,635
Deferred credits	40,180	(5,937)
Net cash from operating activities	2,443,688	8,778,179
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to utility plant, net	(16,959,932)	(25,524,882)
Change in materials and supplies	738,954	(115,179)
Change in investments	916,693	(1,529,271)
Net cash used for investing activities	(15,304,285)	(27,169,332)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments on long-term debt, net of cushion of		
credit adjustments	169,478	(444,197)
Proceeds from debt	10,000,000	16,810,000
Proceeds from line of credit	450,000	400,000
Cash contributions in aid of construction	2,965,876	1,649,539
Memberships, net	620	(945)
Retirements of patronage capital credits,		
net of donated and returned capital	(1,025,396)	(971,738)
Net cash from financing activities	12,560,578	17,442,659
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(300,019)	(948,494)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	3,052,774	4,001,268
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 2,752,755	\$ 3,052,774
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,837,791	\$ 2,056,382
Assets acquired through capital lease	\$ 137,020	\$ 1,277,106

#### Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization – Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) is a power distribution and transmission cooperative organized in 1937 under the laws of the state of Washington for the purpose of supplying electric energy to its members. It serves 11,316 memberships, including 13,240 residential meters and 1,896 commercial and industrial meters distributing electricity to 20 islands in the San Juan archipelago, in Washington State. Substantially all revenues are derived from the sale and distribution of electric power. The Cooperative's board of directors has the authority to set rates and charges for commodities and services furnished.

During the October 2014 board meeting, the OPALCO management received a board directive to provide internet, phone, and emergency communication services to its members. As a result, on January 9, 2015, OPALCO formed a separate business entity, Island Network, LLC. The entity is a wholly owned (100%) subsidiary of OPALCO and is considered a for-profit limited liability corporation (LLC). Island Network, LLC was established to market the activity related to providing internet and communications to the members. On February 6, 2015, Island Network acquired 100% of the outstanding stock of a nonrelated corporation, Rock Island, Inc. and began doing business as Rock Island Communications. The acquisition was funded through debt obtained by OPALCO from National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) and then subsequently loaned to Island Network, LLC for the purpose of the acquisition and start-up working capital. The acquisition of Rock Island, Inc. included an existing customer base, some back-office and customer-facing staff, and a retail store in Friday Harbor, Washington.

**Principles of consolidation** – The consolidated financial statements include the financial results of OPALCO and its wholly owned subsidiary, Island Network, LLC (collectively, the Cooperative). OPALCO has accounted for the investment using the equity method. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Basis of accounting and presentation** – The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to regulated enterprises, which conform to policies prescribed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

**Utility plant** – Plant in service is stated at original cost of construction or acquisition. Cost generally includes materials, labor, and overhead costs. The cost of additions, renewals, and improvements is capitalized. Repairs, maintenance, and minor replacements are charged to operating expense.

When property, which represents a retirement unit, is replaced or removed, the average cost of such property, together with removal cost, less salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation. Management assesses impairment and the existence of asset retirement obligations annually, or as circumstances warrant. No impairment was recorded as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

#### Note 1 – Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Depreciation rates have been applied on a straight-line basis. Transmission plant is depreciated using a composite rate of 2.75%, except for submarine cable, for which the rate is 2.86%. Distribution plant and broadband plant are depreciated using a composite rate of 3.17%.

General plant depreciation rates are as follows:

Structures and improvements	3.00%
Office furniture and equipment	5.19%
Transportation equipment	20.00%
Tools and equipment	15.00%
Power-operated equipment	30.00%
Communication equipment	10.00%-20.00%
Other general plant	20.00%
Computer network	20.00%-33.33%

**Goodwill** – Goodwill resulted from the acquisition of Rock Island, Inc. in February 2015. The acquisition was a 100% stock purchase of Rock Island, Inc. and included the customer base, employees, and retail store. Goodwill is being amortized over 10 years. Amortization expense was \$31,074 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Cash equivalents – The Cooperative considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The board of directors of the Cooperative may designate certain amounts of cash and cash equivalents for future use at the board's discretion and approval. In 2017, the board designated \$750,000 to be restricted for unforeseen circumstances. At year-end, 2018 board designated cash was \$530,765.

**Accounts receivable** – Accounts receivable are recorded when invoices are issued and are written off when they are determined to be uncollectible. Accounts receivable are reviewed for collectibility on a regular basis, and an allowance for doubtful accounts is estimated considering the Cooperative's historical losses and review of specific accounts.

**Materials and supplies** – The inventory of materials and supplies consists primarily of items for construction and maintenance of electric plant and broadband plant and is valued at average unit cost.

**Investments in associated organizations** – The Cooperative's investments in associated organizations (Note 4) are stated at cost, plus patronage capital credits issued, less distributions received, in accordance with RUS regulations.

**Compensated absences** – Employees of the Cooperative accrue vacation ratably over the year based on tenure and are allowed to carry over to the following year up to one year of accumulated vacation, which is earned at a rate of 12 to 25 days per year. Employees are compensated for unused vacation pay upon separation from employment. Compensated absences in the amount of \$234,285 and \$239,889 are included in accrued liabilities as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### Note 1 – Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

**Patronage capital** – Net margins are assigned to patrons upon closing of each calendar year. Capital credits of deceased patrons are redeemed on a less-than-full-value basis and paid to the estate of the patron upon approval by the board of directors. In addition, business patrons may, at the discretion of the board of directors, receive a less-than-full-value cash settlement when they leave the system. Other capital distributions may be made at the discretion of the board of directors. Capital credits may be applied against delinquent accounts receivable balances upon approval by the board of directors. For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the board of directors approved a 131% and 145% payout, respectively, based on a 25-year first-in, first-out (FIFO) cycle.

Operating revenue recognition and unbilled revenue – OPALCO records revenue billed to its members for electrical consumption on a monthly basis based upon monthly meter readings, assessment of base fees, and other monthly charges. OPALCO estimates and records unbilled revenue from electric power delivered, but not yet billed, for services provided to the end of the year. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, unbilled revenue of \$1,299,071 and \$1,143,180, respectively, was included in the accounts receivable balance.

Broadband revenues are derived from subscription or usage-based agreements billed to its customers throughout the month based on contractually agreed terms. Generally, subscription agreements are month-to-month and are for a fixed price. Broadband revenues are recognized when all the following conditions are satisfied: (i) there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement; (ii) delivery has occurred; (iii) the fee is fixed or determinable, and (iv) collectability of the fee is reasonably assured. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, deferred revenue of \$197,492 and \$168,765, respectively, was included in accrued liabilities.

**Income tax status** – OPALCO is exempt from income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code, except to the extent of unrelated business income, if any.

Island Network, LLC has elected to be taxed as a C-corporation and is taxable for federal income tax purposes. For Island Network, LLC, income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the consolidated financial statements, consisting of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes.

Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for taxable temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for deductible temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax basis. Deferred tax assets relate primarily to net operating loss carryforwards, contributions in aid of construction, capitalized organization cost and accumulated amortization on the books. Deferred tax liabilities relate primarily to the use of accelerated depreciation for tax purposes. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

#### Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Cooperative follows Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-10, *Income Taxes*, which relates to accounting for uncertain tax positions. The Cooperative records uncertain tax positions if the likelihood that the position will be sustained upon examination is less than 50%. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Cooperative had no accrued amounts related to uncertain tax positions. Interest and penalties, if any, are recorded as interest expense and other expense, respectively.

**Use of estimates** – In preparing consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates include the allowance for doubtful accounts, unbilled revenue, and depreciation of electric plant. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Concentration of credit risk** – Financial instruments that potentially subject the Cooperative to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable. The Cooperative maintains its cash and cash equivalents in various financial institutions. At times, these balances exceed federally insured limits.

Credit is extended to customers generally without collateral requirements; however, the Cooperative requires deposits from some members upon connection, which is applied to unpaid bills in the event of default. Capital credits may be applied against delinquent accounts, upon approval by the board of directors.

**Subsequent events** – Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the consolidated balance sheet date but before the consolidated financial statements are issued. The Cooperative recognizes in the consolidated financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the consolidated balance sheets, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the consolidated financial statements. The Cooperative's consolidated financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the consolidated balance sheets but arose after the consolidated balance sheet date and before the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued. The Cooperative has evaluated subsequent events through May 6, 2019, which is the date the consolidated financial statements are issued.

#### Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Cooperative holds various cash accounts in the normal conduct of its business. As of December 31, total cash and cash equivalents reported on the consolidated balance sheets were as follows:

	2018	<u> </u>	2017
Petty cash funds Cash in FDIC institutions Cash in CoBank	\$ 2,596 155	941 \$ 6,041 5,773	841 2,898,824 153,109
	\$ 2,752	<u>2,755</u> \$	3,052,774

#### Note 3 - Plant in Service

Plant in service consisted of the following major classes at December 31:

	2018	3	2017
Generation	\$	559	\$ 33,163
Transmission	34,00	5,954	31,028,699
Distribution	75,83	3,611	70,637,753
General plant	25,08	9,453	21,026,332
Broadband plant	15,53	0,236	11,342,799
Intangible plant	1,53	9,562	1,539,562
Total plant in service	<u>\$ 151,99</u>	9,375	\$ 135,608,308

The Cooperative assesses new members an amount equal to the estimated average cost of initial hookups. These contributions in aid of construction are credited to the appropriate work orders to offset the construction costs and are recorded as a reduction in gross plant in accordance with accounting requirements for RUS borrowers. Contributions in aid of construction in the amount of \$2,965,876 and \$1,649,539 were recorded during 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### Note 4 - Investments in Associated Organizations

Investments in associated organizations consisted of the following as of December 31:

	2018		2018 2017	
Capital term certificates of National Rural Utilities				
Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), interest from				
3% to 5%, with maturities from 2020 through 2080	\$	558,274	\$	558,274
Capital term certificate from Pacific Northwest Generating				
Cooperative, interest at 0%, maturing in September 2028		502,560		502,560
Select Note Investments in CFC bearing interest at 1.5%,				
with maturities in the second quarter of 2018		-		1,000,000
Patronage capital credits in CFC		284,171		267,040
Patronage capital credits in National Information				
Solutions Cooperative (NISC)		105,941		97,446
Patronage capital in Federated Rural Electric				
Insurance Exchange		215,102		193,399
Patronage capital credits in Pacific Northwest				
Generating Cooperative		55,493		-
Patronage capital - others		16,369		35,884
Total investments in associated organizations	\$	1,737,910	\$	2,654,603

CFC capital term certificates are purchased as a condition of the mortgage agreements with CFC. The certificates are nonmarketable and may not be redeemed prior to maturity.

#### Note 5 - Related Party Transactions

There is an intercompany loan between Island Network LLC and OPALCO for acquisition funding and transferred infrastructure and inventory from the Island Network Department to OPALCO. At December 31, 2018, OPALCO's investment in subsidiary of (\$7,444,503) represents the intercompany loan of \$2,126,501 less undistributed subsidiary equities of (\$9,571,004). The liability and associated investment are eliminated upon consolidation.

During 2018 and 2017, OPALCO incurred \$79,214 and \$79,288, respectively, in interest income associated with advances taken by Rock Island Communications. This income has been eliminated upon consolidation.

During 2018 and 2017, OPALCO incurred \$69,840 in costs associated with customer fees for internet services provided by Rock Island Communications. OPALCO also billed the subsidiary for the use of electricity in the amount of \$94,920 and \$63,837, respectively, and \$86,285 for both years, for the use of OPALCO's communications infrastructure. These intercompany balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

#### Note 6 - Lines of Credit

The Cooperative has an unsecured perpetual line of credit for short-term financing with CFC in the amount of \$10,000,000. Interest on outstanding advances is based upon a variable rate. No amounts were outstanding at December 31, 2018 and 2017.

In January 2011, the Cooperative established an unsecured perpetual line of credit with CoBank in the amount of \$5,000,000. This line of credit was renewed in 2018, with a \$2,000,000 "Revolving Credit Commitment" and \$3,000,000 "Uncommitted Revolving Credit," with expiration in September 2019; no loan advances have been made on this account in 2018 or 2017.

In November 2018, Island Network, LLC executed an amendment to its existing revolving credit promissory note with CoBank increasing the total aggregate principal commitment from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000. Draws on the revolving credit promissory note are at variable interest rates measured at the time of advance. The loan term expires in September 2019 and is renewed each year at the discretion of CoBank. The note is guaranteed by OPALCO. Advances outstanding on the revolving credit promissory note were \$2,850,000 with an interest rate of 4.61% as of December 31, 2018 and \$2,400,000 as of December 31, 2017.

#### Note 7 - Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations

The Cooperative has long-term debt due to RUS and CFC. Substantially all assets of the Cooperative are pledged as security for the long-term debt, and the notes are subject to certain covenants. Long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31:

	2018	2017
Mortgages payable to RUS, quarterly installments of approximately \$398,000, including interest at rates ranging from 2.23% to 5.82%, maturing over various periods through December 2052.	\$ 48,621,727	\$ 45,580,690
Mortgages payable to CFC, quarterly installments of approximately \$71,000, including interest at rates ranging from 3.25% to 4.7%, maturing over various periods through 2039.	8,561,284	8,812,641
RUS economic development loan, payable in monthly installments of \$667, bearing 0% interest, maturing in 2019.	3,333	23,333
CoBank loan, payable in monthly interest only installments of approximately \$30,000. Interest rates ranging from 2.71% to 3.32%. Maturing over various periods through 2046.	19,000,000	13,500,000
RUS cushion of credit		(2,308,639)
Long-term debt	76,186,344	65,608,025
Capital lease obligations, stated at present value of future minimum lease payments	826,690	1,235,531
	77,013,034	66,843,556
Less current maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	2,004,121	2,234,566
	\$ 75,008,913	\$ 64,608,990

#### Note 7 - Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations (continued)

Cushion of credit – RUS established a Cushion of Credit Payment Program, whereby borrowers may make advance payments on their RUS debt. These advance payments earn interest at the rate of 5% per annum. The advance payments, plus any accrued interest, can only be used for the payment of principal and interest on the debt. The Cooperative's participation in the Cushion of Credit Payment Program totaled \$0 and \$2,308,639 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and is recorded as a reduction of RUS long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheets. There were modifications to the RUS Cushion of Credit Payment Program via the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 making Cooperatives no longer allowed to make deposits to the RUS Cushion of Credit after December 20, 2018. RUS was in the process of closing the OPALCO Cushion of Credit fund at year-end and refunding the balance, which is included in accounts receivable at year end.

In November 2018, Island Network, LLC executed a multiple advance term promissory note with CoBank in the amount of \$3,500,000. Draws on the multiple advance term commitment are at variable interest rates measured at the time of advance. The loan term expires in December 2023 and the note matures in December 2038. The loan is guaranteed by OPALCO.

The aggregate long-term debt and capital lease obligations maturing over the next five years are as follows:

2019	\$	2,004,121
2020		1,917,969
2021		2,017,068
2022		2,759,553
2023		3,123,253
Thereafter		65,191,070
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**Capital lease obligations** – Outstanding capital leases collateralized by the related equipment consisted of the following as of December 31, 2018:

Originated	Entity	Туре		Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
2016	OPALCO	Computer equipment	\$	87,995	0.00%	October 2019
2017	Island Network	Computer equipment	Ψ	271,847	0.00%	April 2020
2017	Island Network	Computer equipment		468,340	0.00%	February 2020
2017	Island Network	Computer equipment		133,281	5.20%	July 2020
2017	Island Network	Construction equipment		368,914	4.30%	December 2025
2018	Island Network	Vehicles		85,759	4.60%	March 2025
2018	Island Network	Vehicles		51,261	4.25%	October 2025

#### Note 8 - Operating Lease Commitments

**Operating leases** – Island Network, LLC leases equipment under a five-year noncancelable operating lease expiring in May 2020.

Future minimum lease payments, under noncancelable operating leases, are as follows:

2019 2020 2021 2022	\$ 113,400 113,400 109,950 6,000
	\$ 342,750

Rent expense under the operating lease for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, was \$113,400.

#### Note 9 - Income Taxes

The components of the provision for income tax benefit (expense) are as follows as of December 31, 2018:

		 2017		
Deferred income tax benefit (expense)				
Federal	\$	379,609	\$ 1,079,837	
Change in federal rate		-	(990,840)	
Change in valuation allowance		(379,609)	 (88,997)	
Total income tax expense	\$		\$ 	

The provision for income taxes differs from the amount computed by applying the current statutory federal income tax rate to earnings before taxes due to the effects of nondeductible items, the change in the valuation allowance, and prior-year over or under accruals.

The "Tax Reform Act" was enacted December 22, 2017. The law includes significant changes to the U.S. corporate system, including a Federal corporate rate reduction from 34% to 21%. As a result of when the Act was signed into law, the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities were required to be remeasured using the lower 21% federal rate as of December 31, 2017.

#### Note 9 – Income Taxes (continued)

The components of the net deferred tax asset (liability) recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at December 31 are as follows:

	2018	2017
Deferred tax assets		
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 2,662,087	\$ 2,538,382
Allowance for bad debts	3,356	1,175
Capitalized organizational costs	8,960	8,960
Contribution timing differences	1,794	4,160
	2,676,197	2,552,677
Less valuation allowance	(1,979,491)	(1,600,588)
Total deferred tax assets	696,706	952,089
Deferred tax liabilities		
Tax depreciation greater than book	(675,130)	(936,403)
Tax amortization greater than book	(2,340)	(1,742)
Change in prepaid insurance	(19,236)	(13,944)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(696,706)	(952,089)
Net deferred income tax asset (liability)	\$ -	\$ -

Island Network, LLC has federal net operating loss carryforwards of \$12,676,605, which begin to expire in 2035.

#### Note 10 - Deferred Credits

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, amounts carried on the Cooperative's consolidated balance sheets as deferred credits consisted primarily of Project PAL funds of \$39,524 and \$33,859, respectively; the Member Owned Renewable Energy (MORE) Program funds of \$139,002 and \$149,600, respectively; and the Energy Assist Program for \$54,110 and \$92,543 for 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Project PAL was developed to help qualifying OPALCO members pay their winter heating bills. Project PAL is primarily funded by members voluntarily rounding up their monthly power bills to the next whole dollar. Requests for assistance are evaluated and grants are awarded by a separate council made up of volunteer OPALCO members. The council, by unanimous vote, reserves the right to allow or deny any grants due to extenuating circumstances. Policy and guidelines are reviewed by a volunteer council on a regular basis.

#### Note 10 - Deferred Credits (continued)

The MORE Program was started in 2011. It is funded by voluntary contributions from Cooperative members for projects that promote sustainable, renewable energy. Once a year, Cooperative members who install renewable energy systems, such as a solar photovoltaic system or wind turbines, are offered an incentive based on the kWh production of their renewable energy system. Incentives are administered through an independent committee of Cooperative members. The member-owned generation facilities will allow the member generator to consume energy generated by their system, which will offset the amount of energy purchased by the Cooperative. All renewable energy systems are required to be preapproved by the engineering department prior to construction.

OPALCO's Energy Assist Program was started in 2016 to assist low income households with their OPALCO electric bills on a year-round basis. This is an OPALCO administered program that is meant to ease the affordability gap in San Juan County and support the community. The program is funded through rates as a separate line item on each co-op member's monthly bill. Members must be on the standard Residential rate and verify their qualification through another endorsed low-income assistance program to qualify for the Energy Assist Credit.

#### Note 11 - Pension Benefits

In 1954, the Cooperative adopted a retirement program available for all employees meeting length of service requirements. The program is a multi-employer plan administered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and includes a noncontributory defined benefit pension and a contributory defined contribution 401(k) plan. Approximately 1,000 rural electric systems participate in each of these plans.

**Defined benefit plan** – The NRECA Retirement Security Plan (RS Plan) is a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Section 401 and tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a multi-employer plan under the accounting standards. The RS Plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number is 53-0116145 and the Plan Number is 48009.

A unique characteristic of a multi-employer plan compared with a single-employer plan is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.

Generally, all employees of the Cooperative are eligible to participate in the defined benefit plan after completing a year of eligible service. Employees are credited with meeting the year of eligible service after completing at least 1,000 hours of service in the first 12 consecutive months of employment or in the first calendar year in which 1,000 hours of service occur. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2018 and 2017 contributions.

#### Note 11 - Pension Benefits (continued)

In the RS Plan, a "zone status" determination is not required, and therefore not determined, under the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006. In addition, the accumulated benefit obligations and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employer. In total, the RS Plan was 99.48% and 94.17% funded as of January 1, 2018 and 2017, respectively, based on the PPA funding target and PPA actuarial value of assets on those dates. The average increase in rates of compensation for the defined benefit plan as a whole for the year ended January 1, 2018, was 2.86%. The defined benefit plan used an assumed 18.38% return on plan assets in the most recent system-wide annual actuarial valuation. The defined benefit plan invests in equity and debt securities and cash equivalents.

The Cooperative's contributions to the RS Plan in 2018 and in 2017 represented less than 5% of the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. The Cooperative makes monthly contributions to the RS Plan at the required contribution rate. Contributions made by the Cooperative were \$1,341,035 and \$1,293,548 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Withdrawal from the RS Plan may result in the Cooperative having an obligation to the plan. The Cooperative does not currently intend to withdraw from the RS Plan, and, accordingly, no provision has been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

**Defined contribution plan** – Upon completion of 30 days of eligibility service, all eligible employees of the Cooperative may participate in the defined contribution plan and may elect to make pre-tax employee elective contributions up to 100% of the participant's salary to a maximum of \$18,500. Upon completion of a year of eligible service, the Cooperative will match employee contributions equal to 100% of employee elective contributions, not to exceed 4% of an employee's annual compensation. The Cooperative employer portion of the 401(k) plan contributions totaled \$213,183 and \$190,151 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**Postemployment benefits** – The Cooperative allows employees to remain in its medical plan after retirement, but the employee is required to pay the full group medical rate. Although a group rate includes a deemed subsidy for retirees, management has determined that the impact on financial position and results of operations is not material and has not recognized a liability for such benefit.

#### Note 12 – Commitments and Contingencies

**Power supply contracts** – In October 2017, OPALCO entered into power sales contract with Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC) to provide the power supply through September 30, 2028. This contract supersedes the previous power sales contract with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

**Union contract** – The current collective bargaining agreement is effective for the period January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2018. Subsequent to year end a new collective bargaining agreement is in place for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2018, the Cooperative employed approximately 74% of its workforce under the collective bargaining agreement.

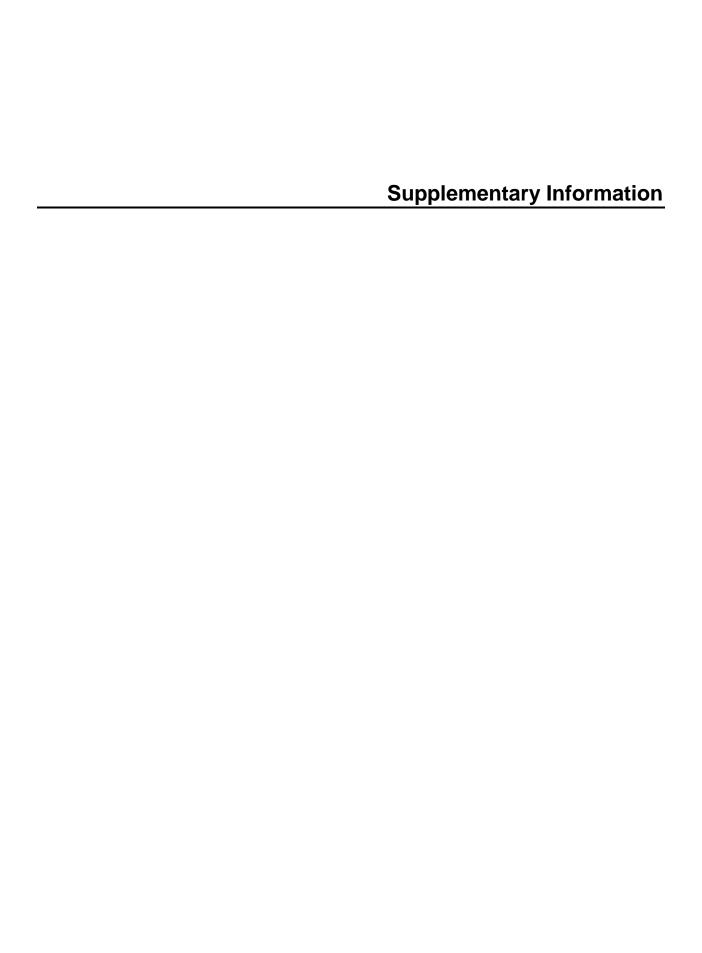
**Legal** – In the normal course of business, the Cooperative is party to claims and matters of litigation. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined; however, in the opinion of management of the Cooperative, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Cooperative's financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

#### Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

**T-Mobile agreement** – During 2015, Island Network, LLC established a long-term agreement with T-Mobile US to deploy LTE wireless capability throughout San Juan County. The nonmonetary agreement has an initial term of 10 years with extension options and includes the joint lease of FCC spectrum, transfer of infrastructure and equipment, and ongoing services. As the fair value of the assets agreement is not determinable within reasonable limits, the agreement, per GAAP, has not been quantified within the financial statements. The investment was made with the intention to assist Island Network, LLC in bringing a profitable product faster to market and serve a higher number of subscribers.

#### Note 13 - Subsequent Events

In February 2019, OPALCO made a long-term loan advance draw with the RUS in the amount of \$2,900,000 at an interest rate of 2.925%.



### Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Consolidating Balance Sheet December 31, 2018

	OPALCO	Island Network, LLC	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Total		
ASSETS	\$ 136.469.139	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136.469.139		
Electric plant in service Broadband plant in service	\$ 136,469,139	15,530,236	Φ -	\$ 136,469,139 15,530,236		
Construction work in progress	6,790,804	1,176,475	_	7,967,279		
Construction work in progress	0,730,004	1,170,470		7,307,273		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	143,259,943 49,148,193	16,706,711 2,662,534		159,966,654 51,810,727		
Net utility plant	94,111,750	14,044,177		108,155,927		
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS						
Investments in associated organizations	1,737,910	_	_	1,737,910		
Investment in subsidiary (Note 5)	(7,444,503)		7,444,503	1,737,910		
Goodwill	(1,444,303)	189,034	7,444,505	189,034		
		100,001		100,001		
Total investments and other assets	(5,706,593)	189,034	7,444,503	1,926,944		
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,041,535	180,455	-	2,221,990		
Cash and cash equivalents - board designated	530,765	-	-	530,765		
Accounts receivable, less allowance for						
doubtful accounts of \$75,980 in 2018	4,501,319	494,433	(57,046)	4,938,706		
Interest receivable	6,316	-	-	6,316		
Materials and supplies	3,045,487	1,493,116	_	4,538,603		
Prepaid expenses	384,378	115,476		499,854		
Total current assets	10,509,800	2,283,480	(57,046)	12,736,234		
TOTAL ASSETS	¢ 00.044.057	Φ 46.546.604	¢ 7.207.457	¢ 422.840.40F		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 98,914,957	\$ 16,516,691	\$ 7,387,457	\$ 122,819,105		
EQUITIES AND MARGINS						
Memberships	\$ 56,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,580		
Patronage capital	41,668,217	Ψ -	Ψ -	41,668,217		
Undistributed subsidiary losses	(9,571,004)	(9,571,004)	9,571,004	(9,571,004)		
Donated and other equities	6,479,465	-	-	6,479,465		
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Total equity and margins	38,633,258	(9,571,004)	9,571,004	38,633,258		
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities						
RUS mortgage notes	47,256,888	-	-	47,256,888		
CFC mortgage notes	8,300,502	-	-	8,300,502		
Loan payable	-	19,000,000	-	19,000,000		
Payable to OPALCO (Note 5)	-	2,126,501	(2,126,501)	-		
Long-term lease liability		451,523		451,523		
Total long-term debt	55,557,390	21,578,024	(2,126,501)	75,008,913		
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	1,979,818	843,348	(57,046)	2,766,120		
Customer deposits	83,857	-	(01,010)	83,857		
Accrued liabilities	691,055	465,599	-	1,156,654		
Line of credit - CoBank		2,850,000	-	2,850,000		
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,653,397	350,724		2,004,121		
Total current liabilities	4,408,127	4,509,671	(57,046)	8,860,752		
DEFERRED CREDITS	316,182			316,182		
EQUITIES, MARGINS, AND LIABILITIES	\$ 98,914,957	\$ 16,516,691	\$ 7,387,457	\$ 122,819,105		

### Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Consolidating Balance Sheet December 31, 2017

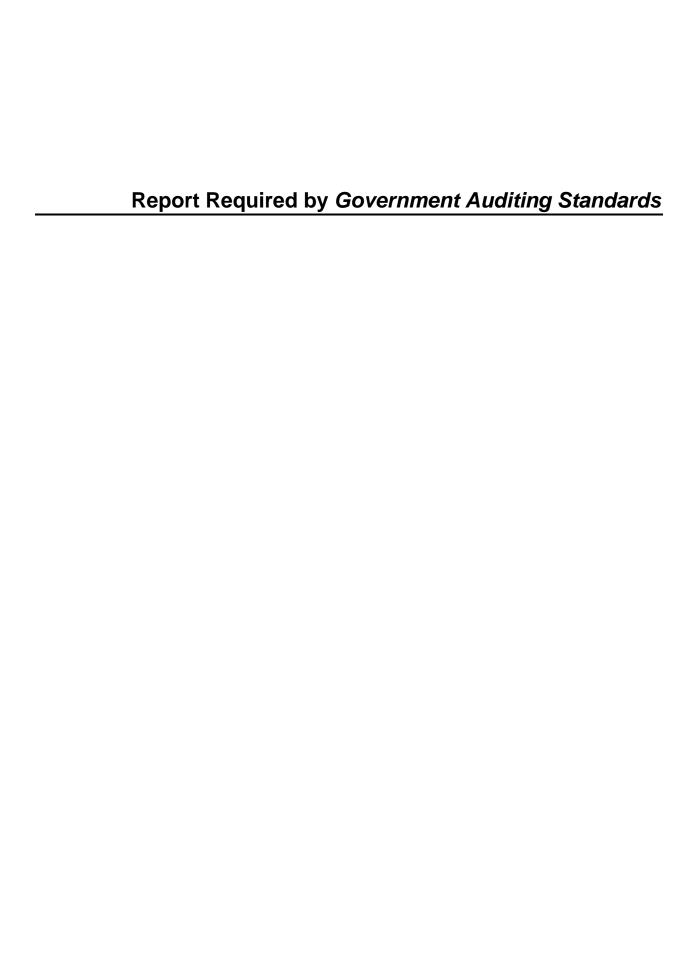
	0	PALCO	Island Network, LLC			Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Total		
ASSETS	ф <b>1</b>	24 265 500	œ		œ		\$	104 005 500	
Electric plant in service Broadband plant in service	\$ 1	24,265,509	\$	- 11,342,799	\$	-	Ф	124,265,509 11,342,799	
Construction work in progress		10,630,331		781,638				11,411,969	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		34,895,840		12,124,437		-		147,020,277	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	45,632,268		1,483,056		<del>-</del>		47,115,324	
Net utility plant		89,263,572		10,641,381		<u>-</u>		99,904,953	
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS									
Investments in associated organizations		2,654,603		-		<u>-</u>		2,654,603	
Investment in subsidiary (Note 5)		(4,944,797)				4,944,797		-	
Goodwill	-			220,108				220,108	
Total investments and other assets		(2,290,194)		220,108		4,944,797		2,874,711	
CURRENT ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents		2,269,223		33,551		-		2,302,774	
Cash and cash equivalents - board designated		750,000		-		-		750,000	
Accounts receivable, less allowance for		0.400.400		101 000		(050.070)		0.400.000	
doubtful accounts of \$65,600 in 2017		3,136,480		421,998		(359,278)		3,199,200	
Interest receivable  Materials and supplies		13,218		- 0.055.004		-		13,218	
Prepaid expenses		3,221,936 343,441		2,055,621		-		5,277,557 461,688	
Frepalu expenses		343,441		118,247				401,000	
Total current assets		9,734,298		2,629,417		(359,278)		12,004,437	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	96,707,676	\$	13,490,906	\$	4,585,519	\$	114,784,101	
EQUITIES AND MARGINS									
Memberships	\$	55,960	\$	-	\$	-	\$	55,960	
Patronage capital		40,181,088		-		-		40,181,088	
Undistributed subsidiary losses		(7,069,952)		(7,069,952)		7,069,952		(7,069,952)	
Donated and other equities		5,984,621		-		<u>-</u>		5,984,621	
Total equity and margins		39,151,717		(7,069,952)		7,069,952		39,151,717	
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities									
RUS mortgage notes		41,812,701		_		-		41,812,701	
CFC mortgage notes		8,561,284		-		-		8,561,284	
Loan payable		-		13,500,000		-		13,500,000	
Payable to OPALCO (Note 5)		-		2,125,155		(2,125,155)		-	
Long-term lease liability		24,443		710,562		<u>-</u>		735,005	
Total long-term debt		50,398,428		16,335,717		(2,125,155)		64,608,990	
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable		2,997,993		920,681		(359,278)		3,559,396	
Customer deposits		87,218		-		-		87,218	
Accrued liabilities		2,032,945		433,267		-		2,466,212	
Line of credit - CoBank		-		2,400,000		-		2,400,000	
Current maturities of long-term debt		1,763,373		471,193				2,234,566	
Total current liabilities		6,881,529		4,225,141		(359,278)		10,747,392	
DEFERRED CREDITS		276,002						276,002	
EQUITIES, MARGINS, AND LIABILITIES	\$	96,707,676	\$	13,490,906	\$	4,585,519	\$	114,784,101	

### Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Consolidating Statement of Revenues and Margins Year Ended December 31, 2018

	OPALCO	Island Network, LLC	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Total	
OPERATING REVENUES Electricity sales Broadband sales	\$ 29,263,375	\$ - 4,920,825	\$ (94,920) (69,840)	\$ 29,168,455 4,850,985	
Total operating revenues	29,263,375	4,920,825	(164,760)	34,019,440	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Cost of purchased power	9,053,663	-	-	9,053,663	
Transmission	252,433	-	-	252,433	
Distribution - operations	3,365,842	-	-	3,365,842	
Distribution - maintenance	1,945,822	-	-	1,945,822	
Consumer accounts	1,014,503	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,014,503	
Broadband services		970,121	(181,205)	788,916	
Administrative and general	3,602,127	4,270,244	(69,840)	7,802,531	
Depreciation and amortization	4,528,224	1,214,858	-	5,743,082	
Taxes	1,365,016	214,808		1,579,824	
Total operating expenses	25,127,630	6,670,031	(251,045)	31,546,616	
Operating margins before fixed charges	4,135,745	(1,749,206)	86,285	2,472,824	
FIXED CHARGES					
Interest on long-term debt	1,547,868	762,507	(79,214)	2,231,161	
Operating margins after fixed charges	2,587,877	(2,511,713)	165,499	241,663	
PATRONAGE CAPITAL CREDITS	143,090			143,090	
Net operating margins	2,730,967	(2,511,713)	165,499	384,753	
NONOPERATING MARGINS					
Interest income	176,305	_	(79,214)	97,091	
Other income	100,097	10,661	(86,285)	24,473	
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Total nonoperating margins	276,402	10,661	(165,499)	121,564	
Net operating and nonoperating margins	3,007,369	(2,501,052)	-	506,317	
LOSS FROM SUBSIDIARY	(2,501,052)	<u> </u>	2,501,052		
NET MARGINS	\$ 506,317	\$ (2,501,052)	\$ 2,501,052	\$ 506,317	

### Orcas Power & Light Cooperative Consolidating Statement of Revenues and Margins Year Ended December 31, 2017

ODEDATING DEVENUES		OPALCO		Island Network, LLC		Eliminating Entries		Consolidated Total	
OPERATING REVENUES Electricity sales Broadband sales	\$	27,985,185	\$	- 3,644,987	\$	(63,837) (69,840)	\$	27,921,348 3,575,147	
Total operating revenues		27,985,185		3,644,987		(133,677)		31,496,495	
OPERATING EXPENSES  Cost of purchased power Transmission Distribution - operations Distribution - maintenance Consumer accounts Broadband services Administrative and general Depreciation and amortization Taxes		8,916,059 210,740 3,617,096 1,767,342 982,216 - 3,394,059 3,699,958 1,261,409		858,462 3,596,608 1,085,739 148,670		(150,122) (69,840)		8,916,059 210,740 3,617,096 1,767,342 982,216 708,340 6,920,827 4,785,697 1,410,079	
Total operating expenses		23,848,879		5,689,479		(219,962)		29,318,396	
Operating margins before fixed charges		4,136,306		(2,044,492)		86,285		2,178,099	
FIXED CHARGES Interest on long-term debt		1,061,579		511,073		(79,288)		1,493,364	
Operating margins after fixed charges		3,074,727		(2,555,565)		165,573		684,735	
PATRONAGE CAPITAL CREDITS		77,586						77,586	
Net operating margins		3,152,313		(2,555,565)		165,573		762,321	
NONOPERATING MARGINS Interest income Other income		223,696 23,280		3,560		(79,288) (86,285)		144,408 (59,445)	
Total nonoperating margins		246,976		3,560		(165,573)		84,963	
Net operating and nonoperating margins		3,399,289		(2,552,005)		-		847,284	
LOSS FROM SUBSIDIARY		(2,552,005)				2,552,005			
NET MARGINS	\$	847,284	\$	(2,552,005)	\$	2,552,005	\$	847,284	





# Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Directors
Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements of Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and Subsidiary (collectively, the Cooperative) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2019.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative's consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Everett, Washington

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May 6, 2019

