


**Quick Facts**
**OPALCO's Plan**

## Climate change is transforming our world. OPALCO has a bold action plan for our energy future. We need your help!

- Our energy world is changing rapidly.
- Say goodbye to fossil fuels (propane, natural gas, gasoline, wood, oil).
- OPALCO has a plan to meet the new challenges. It's going to be a heavy lift, but we think we can do it – if we work together.
- The plan is designed to protect us from rising market costs, environmental harm and mainland outages as capacity issues constrain the regional (and national) grid.
- It's going to be expensive – we will all have to invest in local renewables through rates.
- We will find new ways to conserve power and be as efficient as possible.
- Our heating and transportation loads will shift to electric – including ferries!
- Devices will help us to make wise use of electricity: choosing how and when we use power based on dynamic price signals.
- OPALCO will meet up to 50% of our power needs with local renewable and energy storage (battery) projects by 2040.
- We will always rely on our connection to the mainland – our regional hydro system – to meet our demand for power and also to “firm up” our renewable (intermittent) resources when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine.
- Our team is following all developing technologies and will implement solutions that make most sense for our sensitive marine environment and our membership. To fulfill the OPALCO mission into the future, we must take bold action to build equity through rates and prepare the Co-op to meet the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities.


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