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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026 Virtual
Meeting via Zoom

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- Mute yourself unless talking,
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- Chat if you have a question/comment and the monitor will put you in the queue,
- OPALCO's Policy 17 - Member Participation at OPALCO Meetings decorum must be followed.

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Sequence of Events

- OPALCO Board Meeting
- Executive Session



Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
May 21, 2026, 8:30 A.M.* Virtual
Meeting via Zoom

**Time is approximate; if all Board members are present, the meeting may begin earlier or later than advertised. The Board President has the authority to modify the sequence of the agenda.*

WELCOME GUESTS/MEMBERS

Members attending the board meeting acknowledge that they may be recorded, and the recording posted to OPALCO’s website. Members are expected to conduct themselves with civility and decorum, consistent with Member Service Policy 17. If you would like answers to specific questions, please email communications@opalco.com for post-meeting follow-up.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal, Personnel, Competitive, Other

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEMS

Board Officer Elections

The Board needs to elect officers to the OPALCO Board in keeping with our Bylaws and regulatory requirements. Article V Section 2 of the Bylaws states “The officers shall be elected by ballot, annually by and from the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members.”

The Board is encouraged to discuss potential officers and those who are interested in serving. Board members will be asked to vote electronically submitting their votes in the chat function to Travis Neal, Manager of Finance during this meeting. The 2026-2027 Directors are as follows:

Laura Derevensky – District 1 A
Mark Madsen – District 1 B
Wendy Hiester – 2 A
Laura Stern – District 2 B
Brian Silverstein – District 3 A
Tom Osterman – District 3 B
Jerry Whitfield - District 4

The Chart below shows the Board positions to be elected and the current officers.

Position	Current Officers: 2025-2026	2026-2027
President	Vince Daucinas	
Vice-President	Jerry Whitfield	
Secretary/Treasurer	Tom Osterman	

Staff will tally the results and report the results once all votes are cast.

Consent Agenda

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Board with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as an Action Item at the request of a Board member.

The Consent Agenda includes:

- **Minutes** of the previous meeting and special meeting – attached.
- **Approval of New Members** – attached {as required by Bylaws Article I Section 2 (d)}



NEW MEMBERS – April 2026

District 1 (San Juan, Pearl, Henry, Brown, Spieden)

ALBANESE, NICHOLAS & PETO
 GEORGE, DAVID
 GOFF, TIFFANY
 HOOFFSTETTER, CHRISTIAAN & CHIMENTO, CAITLYN
 MCEUEN, STEVEN & MCEUEN, KIMBERLY
 SANFORD, SARAH & BRUNZ, LEE
 SIMONSON, NIKOLAS
 TRIPP, PAUL

District 2 (Orcas, Armitage, Blakely, Obstruction, Double,

COLLINS, HALDANE
 FLACK, JONATHAN & HARAHAFLACK, RIEKA
 HAGELIN, STEPHEN & JOHNSON, EFFIE
 HARBORSIDE AT ROS, ARIO LLC
 HENRY, ABIGAIL
 HEPPE, RYLEE
 JENSEN, JACOB LOUIS R & DA SILVA LUZ, BRUNIA
 JOHNSON, MICHAEL
 KELLY, CHRISTINE & KELLY FRANCIS

LAPICK, SUZANNE
 MCCONVILLE, JESSIE & SCADE, JOHN
 MCKINNIES, MARK & MCKINNIES, JANETTE
 ORANTES, RAUL
 SMITH, RYAN
 SMORGASBORD ORCAS, LLP
 WILLIAMS, COLIN

District 3 (Lopez, Center, Decatur, Charles)

CARRIGAN, BREANNE & CARRIGAN, JOSH
 FAY, DEBORAH
 HANSON, BRAD
 JONES, MORGAN
 LOBER, WILLIAM & RODGERS, CHRISTIENNE
 MARBLE, STEVEN
 PARKHILL PHARMACY, INC
 RODRIGUEZ, BERTIN

District 4 (Shaw, Crane, Canoe, Bell)

None

Capital Credits

Staff request payment of capital credits to the estates of the following deceased members and/or to organizations no longer in business by way of approval of the consent agenda:

May	
Customer #	Amount
81249	623.33
98955	65.28
60866	847.81
50630	1,182.70
40230	5,895.77
Total	\$ 8,614.89

Staff requests a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.



Minutes

Staff request approval of the minutes from the prior meeting upon review.

**Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 Special Meeting**

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Dauciunas, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, Jerry Whitfield, Chuks Onwuneme, Brian Silverstein and Wendy Hiester. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance Travis Neal; Communications Manager Krista Bouchey; Communications Specialist Johanna Lange; Manager of Member Services Joey Wyckoff; OPALCO employees: Lindsay Gross, Taylor Smith and Brett Deines; and Special Projects Office Coordinator Beth Stanford (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner and Clara Park, consultant Jay Kimball; and from Environmental Science Associates, Stacy Bumback.

Members in attendance: Dennis Jenkins, Steve Bernheim, Michelle Thomas Harden, Jill Rullkoetter, Rich Goodhart, Charlie Conway, Debbie, Kim Ferree, Tanya Everson, William Hurley, John Pierre van Dongen, Brian Wiese, Angela & Greg Krisinger, Darrell kirk, Eva Schulte, Fred McCoy, Jill Bliss, Jo Ann Pierson, Joseph Cohen, Magali Cota, Nancy Loomis, Jon Allen, Tom Starr, Kay Wieben, Tanya, Andy Hiester, Sydnee Chapman

Meeting commenced at 10 AM

Member Comment Period: No member comments.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION was made by Madsen to accept the consent agenda to include April 16, 2026 Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Silverstein and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DECATUR ISLAND SOLAR PROJECT

MOTION was made by Madsen to direct staff to proceed with Option 2, staying within the existing natural growth area, as the planning basis going forward, pending the hearing examiner's decision, any appeals, and other requirements. Seconded by Silverstein. MOTION CARRIED 5-2, with Hiester and Osterman opposed.

Meeting Closed: 11:02 AM

President

Secretary-Treasurer



Reinstate Rick Fant to Elections & Governance Committee

While Rick Fant was not successful in the OPALCO election, he has requested reinstatement to the Elections and Governance Committee (EGC). Staff recommends that the Board reinstate Rick Fant to the EGC for District 2.

Budget Increase Request: Best Fit Solar Siting – San Juan County

The recently updated San Juan County Comprehensive Plan highlights that energy supply and demand are out of balance. The Comp Plan outlines the process that County staff will use to help utilities to develop a process to site and permit renewable generation projects. San Juan County is projected to struggle to meet peak energy load demands as early as next year, with local energy needs expected to surpass supply from mainland submarine cables within the planning period in contingency scenarios.

San Juan County is requesting OPALCO help fund an effort for best fit renewable energy siting study.

Proposed Scope and Timeline (May 2026 – February 2027):

OPALCO, County Staff, and community stakeholders will engage on data collection, GIS mapping, and communications support. Key activities include convening a working group, conducting stakeholder engagement sessions, performing map overlay analysis, drafting a regulatory policy framework, and presenting recommendations to the County Council. The core deliverables are:

- update the renewable generation portion of the San Juan County land use tables
- revise the UDC language that references the “essential public facilities”
- develop comprehensive map illustrating land use designations recommended for renewable and emergency generation projects

Funding:

OPALCO and the County will each contribute \$25,000 for the effort for a total of \$50,000 in 2026. OPALCO will also offer in-kind GIS, technical, and communications staff support.

Action Requested:

Staff recommends the Board approve a budget increase of \$25,000 in efforts to create the best fit renewable energy siting process as outlined above.

2025 Audit Presentaion (Baker Tilly ~10:30am)

Baker Tilly LLP (previously Moss Adams) will present the 2025 audit results for Board discussion at the May 21 Board meeting. The annual audit report includes the consolidated financial statements of both OPALCO and Rock Island Communications. The Single Audit report includes a report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance as well as a report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance.

The meeting will be organized with a presentation in regular session of the high level audit results and findings. As a standard practice, the Board will go into executive session to review audit management letter and details with Baker Tilly.

Representatives of Baker Tilly worked with OPALCO staff during the weeks of March 30 – April 9. Olga Darlington, Business Assurance Partner, and Daniel Roberts, Senior Manager, will be attending (via Zoom) the meeting to review the firm’s audit findings and answer questions posed by the Board.

The 2025 year-end financial information for OPALCO was previously reviewed at the March 19, 2026, Board



Meeting. The audit report will be posted in OPALCO's online resource library once the IRS has released the 2025 Form 990.

The Consolidated Financial Statements represent both OPALCO and its subsidiary, Rock Island Communications:

Separate company financial statements were presented at the March meeting, and the final consolidated audited financial statements are being presented to the Board at the May Board meeting.

Key takeaways:

- OPALCO and Rock Island received an "unmodified" opinion, which is the highest level of opinion.

Consolidation methodology:

- At the March Board meeting, OPALCO presented their separate company year-end financials and Rock Island presented their separate company year-end financials.
- As OPALCO owns 100% of Rock Island, accounting standards require that our audited financial statements be on a consolidated basis.
 - The first statements presented in the audit report (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Cash Flows) and the associated notes to the financial statements combine both OPALCO and Rock Island.
 - The 'Supplementary Information' section of the statements is the consolidation where you can see the companies broken out individually and the related consolidating entries.
 - Note that for 2025 and each year, the margin to be allocated to OPALCO members via capital credits is equal to the OPALCO-only operating margin, not the consolidated amount that includes Rock Island.

Upon the conclusion of the audit review and Board discussion in executive session, staff requests that the Board return to regular session and make a motion to approve the OPALCO's Consolidated Independent Auditors' Report and Single Audit Reports as required when you receive over \$1M of federal grant funds.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Member Participation with Industry Groups: Board Assignments

With the recent transition in Board composition, this is an opportune time to revisit external engagement opportunities and discuss which Board Members may be interested in representing the cooperative in various capacities. We welcome input from Board Members regarding their areas of interest. Current and ongoing engagement opportunities include:

- SJC Environmental Committee
- SJC Renewable Siting Study
- SJC District Liasons
- Monthly Coffee & Chat with OPALCO Leadership – a less informal monthly gathering with the OPALCO leadership team

2026 Q1 Financial Report

The 2026 first quarter financial report is posted online and included under separate cover. The first quarter results are consistent with the budget. Included in the package are the Statement of Revenues and Margins (along with a notable driver analysis), Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows (GAAP), and capital projects budget tracking.

Q1'26: As seen in the financial statements; operating revenue, power costs and operating expenses were lower than budgeted levels through Q1. All combined drove to an overall operating margin variance under budget of (\$109k) for Q1'2026. It is important to note that Q1 results are largely impacted by timing shifts in maintenance vs. capital projects, borrowings and the overall fluctuation in weather. These items catch up and smooth out over the course of the year. Management continues to monitor operating expenses and overall financial position closely.

Annual Projection:

The table below presents the projection of full-year 2026 financial results using actuals from Q1 and budget projections and/or known amounts for future months. Financial ratios remain at healthy levels well above RUS covenant requirements.



Income Statement Summary (in thousands)	2026 Projection (actuals for prior months)		
	Budget	Projected	Variance
Operating Revenue	\$ 43,176	\$ 42,760	\$ (416)
ECA Surcharge / (Credit)*	-	10	\$ 10
Revenue	\$ 43,176	\$ 42,770	\$ (406)
Expenses:			
Cost of Purchased Power	10,848	10,712	\$ (136)
Transmission & Distribution Expense	9,308	9,403	95
General & Administrative Expense	7,390	7,413	23
Depreciation, Tax, Interest & Other	10,971	10,898	(73)
Total Expenses	\$ 38,517	\$ 38,426	(91)
Operating Margin	4,659	4,343	(316)
Non-op margin	1,060	1,088	28
Net Margin*	\$ 5,719	\$ 5,431	(288)
OTIER	2.68	2.57	(0.11)
TIER	3.02	2.96	(0.06)
Equity %	38.2%	38.1%	-0.1%
HDD	1,081	1,181	100
kWh Purchases	230,000	226,770	(3,230)
kWh Sales	218,500	217,007	(1,493)

*The ECA collected \$10k through April 2026

For more details, please note the following key points:

- Heating Degree Days (HDD) were ~11% above budgeted levels (actual of 571 vs. budget of 515). Overall kWh sales were ~477k kWh below budget (70.9M vs. budget of 70.4M).
- 2026 power purchases were \$226k lower than budgeted. Actual kWh purchases were 1.7M kWh below budget (72.4M vs. budget of 74.1M).
- Excluding purchased power, 2026 operating expenses were approximately \$148k under budgeted amounts. See budget notable drivers within the financial packet for specific account details.
- Rock Island Communications 2026 Financials included in separate packet.

OPALCO 2026 Financial Package under separate cover.

Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update — Load Forecast Review

The OPALCO Board and Staff will be reviewing the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in segments. Today's discussion will focus on the demand of electricity (load). Our IRP discussion will start with our current long term planning strategy.

The IRP is a long-range planning document that utilities use to ensure they can reliably and cost-effectively meet their members' energy needs over a 20-year horizon. An IRP examines current and projected electricity demand, evaluates available supply resources, and identifies the most prudent combination of generation, storage, conservation, and purchased power to close any gap between the two. The process is designed to be transparent and grounded in data so that boards, regulators, and members can evaluate the utility's strategic direction with confidence.



The load forecast is the foundational input on which all resource planning decisions rest. Staff will present a review of OPALCO's historic consumption from 2000 to the present, current load conditions, and projected load growth through 2045.

Key drivers shaping the forecast include population growth, electrification of heating and transportation (EVs, eFerries, and heat pump conversions), desalination water systems, and energy efficiency and conservation measures.

Long Range Planning Strategy

- Acknowledgements
 - Major NW energy supply/demand shortfalls are coming, especially in winter
 - Expect notable power cost increases and reliability issues
 - Limitations of current Fed, State and Local grant funding opportunities
 - Maintaining OPALCO's grid is costly (especially while planning to replace 25 submarine cables overtime)
 - Current planned renewable generation projects are community solar subscriber funded (e.g. Decatur and Bailer Hill)
 - Beyond Decatur and Bailer Hill, OPALCO capital will be directed to mainland submarine cable upgrades
- Utilize PNGC and BPA (TIER 1 and TIER 2) to solve mainland power shortfalls
 - For the next 5 years, OPALCO's contract with BPA will remain load following
 - PNGC may be able to assist with filling TIER 2 power shortfall gaps cheaper than BPA over the long-term
- Work with San Juan County to update local permitting process
 - Land-use tables - streamline local renewable permitting, evolve from old fossil fuel generation model
 - "Essential Public Utilities" language update in the Uniform Development Code
- In the interim, before grants become available again, concentrate on providing local member tools and solutions to help navigate through short-term reliability issues (e.g. use Switch-It-Up and OPALCO self-funding for members to install energy storage and back up generation solutions).
 - Submit multiple member relending RESP loan fund requests to RUS (Switch-It Up funds) for members to navigate short term reliability issues
 - Explore OPALCO funded backup system programs (i.e. back-up generation and storage systems)
- Be able to rapidly scale renewable energy projects once grant funds become available.
 - Land: Establish renewable energy non-profit to reach out to members to procure renewable generations sites (with tax advantages similar to Land Bank model).
 - Work with county to develop a renewable energy trust similar to Land Bank model.
 - Grants (& small amount of OPALCO funds) to support capital investment portion.

REPORTS

General Manager

Dashboards

Please review the dashboards at <https://www.opalco.com/dashboards>. Note that all the dashboards are within board approved strategic parameters.

Finance

- Budget Variance
- TIER/Margin
- Expense
- Cash
- Power Cost
- Purchased Power
- Annual Power Metrics
- Capital
- Debt/Equity
- WIP
- Income Statement Trends

Member Services

- Disconnects
- Uncollectable Revenue
- Members per District
- PAL
- EAP
- Members per District
- Service Additions
- Annual Service Additions
- Revenue Dist. By Rate

Outage

- Historical SAIDI - Graph
- Historical SAIDI - Figures
- Outage Stats – Rolling 12 Mo
- Outage Stats – Monthly
- SAIDI by Category
- Outage Summary

Member Generation

- [\(https://www.opalco.com/save/solar-interconnect/\)](https://www.opalco.com/save/solar-interconnect/)
- Member Generation (to Grid) by Month
- Member Generation Map



Engineering, Operations and Information Technologies

WIP

As of May 4, 2026, there are 283 work orders open totaling \$12.9M. Operations has completed construction on 106 work orders, totaling \$2.2M.

Safety

Northwest Safety Service conducted Hazard communication/fire extinguisher training in April. The total current hours worked without a loss time accident is 132,066 hours.

Finance

2026 Budget Tracking

Through April 2026, total revenue is projected to come in \$406K below budget. We are projecting a warmer winter in 2026, which would reduce heating load, kWh sales and corresponding revenue. Cost of purchased power is favorable to budget by \$136K, largely consistent with the lower kWh purchase volume. Operating expenses are monitored closely and the current projected overage largely reflects timing of maintenance activity which may continue to shift as we move into the Q2-3 construction season. Financial ratios remain at healthy levels well above RUS covenant requirements. The table presents the full year 2026 projection with actuals for prior months where available.

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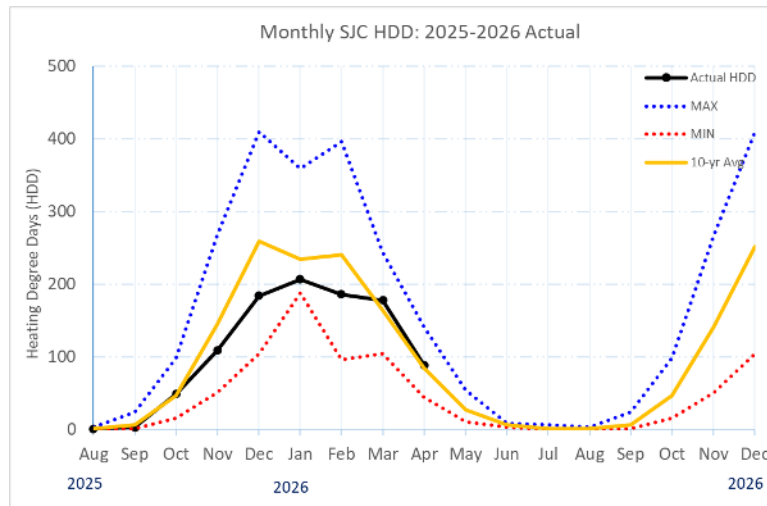
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Monthly Energy Charge Adjustment (ECA)

The April 2026 ECA collected \$10,001 from members, or \$0.50 per 1,000 kWh. The May billing period ECA will be a surcharge of approximately \$.003570 or \$3.57 per 1,000 kWh. The exact amount of the ECA is an estimation based on known kWh sold and a recalculation of our contractual power bill, which may occasionally include other one-time factors or adjustments.

Heating Degree Days (HDD)

The 2025-2026 heating season came in consistently below the 10 year average across nearly every month. December 2025 was the most notable departure with actual HDDs around 185 vs. a 10-year average of closer to 260, representing a significantly warmer than normal start to winter. January through April have continued the warm to mild trend. We continue to monitor weather trends monthly.

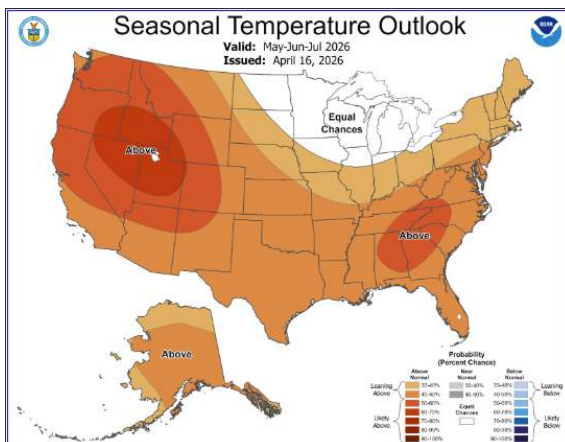


*max, min, avg is based on 10 year average

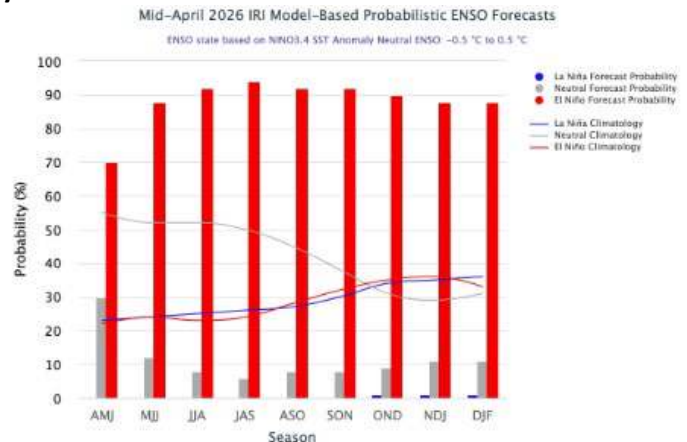
Weather Forecast

Original predictions for 2026 budgetary assumptions included a neutral weather pattern, which anticipated average kWh usage. NOAA is now predicting strong El Niño conditions. The models in the International Research Institutes' (IRI) ENSO (weather) prediction also forecasts a strong El Niño condition into the summer months. We continue to monitor these predictors monthly.

2026 May-Jun-Jul Outlook



Source: NOAA National Weather Service





Member Services

Annual History of Energy Assistance Funding

All values are as of first of the month reported.

		2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Energy Assist Credit	# of Accounts	519	524	528	780
	Total Assistance	141,748	164,175	171,442	477,366
PAL	# of Accounts	268	264	157	511
	Total Assistance	80,500	74,750	39,289	194,539
Grand Total	# of Accounts	584	566	558	856
	Total Assistance	222,248	238,925	210,731	671,904

Note: EAP funds are collected, primarily, from a program OPALCO created by including a line item on all OPALCO member bills. Additional funds are directed to the EAP from the Decatur Solar Project (10% of all production credits). In 2020/2021, additional funds (not included in this chart) were paid out to members who were impacted by COVID. When the Bailer Hill Microgrid Projects comes online, up to 45% of its production will be directed to EAP. The “# of Accounts” are the distinct accounts assistance was provided to over the year or as a total. The “Total Assistance” varies based on single account adjustments.

Project PAL

During April 2026, 51 members received ~\$15.3k in Project PAL Awards, compared to 38 members who received ~\$9.5k in Project PAL awards in April 2025.

Energy Assistance Program (EAP)

During April 2026, 505 members received ~ \$27.3k from the low-income Energy Assist program, compared to 442 members who received ~ \$20.1k in assistance in April 2025.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

During April 2026 there was activity for LIHEAP pledges and payments to members.

Energy Savings

During April there was 11 rebate paid out to members totaling \$12.6k. This includes 2 EV charging stations.

Member Benefits from Energy Efficiency and Fuel Switching Programs

OPALCO is committed to helping members prepare for an efficient and sustainable energy future with programs, incentives, and rebates. All values are as of first of the month reported.

		2023	2024	2025	2026	Totals
EE Rebates*	# of Accounts	261	210	137	41	649
	Total Awards	\$313,945	\$259,445	\$191,931	\$47,032	812,353
	Total Energy Savings (annual kWh)	440,382	253,675	258,738	47,228	1,000,023

**BPA includes the cost of the Conservation (Rebate) program in the power bills that OPALCO pays. When members utilize the rebates and OPALCO documents it, the Co-op then gets credited back that amount. In essence, we are overbilled for the rebate program and only get credited if members utilize the rebates. OPALCO is unique in the pool of BPA utilities for consistently using all or most of the available conservation dollars in this program. We have often used conservation funds allocated to other Co-ops that they were unable to use through their member rebate programs.*

Interconnects

There were 15 new interconnect applications submitted in April, with 14 members interconnected with solar for a total of 1,034. (<https://energysavings.opalco.com/member-generated-power/>). There are an additional 19



pending connections.

Energy Audits

Since the relaunch of OPALCO's Home Energy Audit program, 83 audits have been conducted for residential and commercial members. There were 4 audits completed in April.

Switch It Up

OPALCO can utilize \$46.8M in Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) funds to provide on-bill financing for co-op members for energy efficiency measures. OPALCO is reimbursed for the funds once member measures are installed. There are now 1,160 projects completed and billing for a total of \$24.2M net outstanding (total projects less member pay-offs). There are another 100+ projects in various stages of the process. Current project details are as follows:

Measure	Project Origination Year								Grand Total	Project Count
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Appliance					36,112	54,463	43,939	16,728	\$ 151,241	19
Energy Storage				39,510	27,159	47,766	120,071	-	\$ 234,506	12
Ductless Heat Pump	729,431	610,352	646,476	1,581,317	1,830,308	2,433,936	2,041,067	604,954	\$ 10,477,841	672
EV Charger						34,031	2,948	-	\$ 36,979	7
Fiber		30,725	48,681	29,301	41,929	85,080	18,883	-	\$ 254,598	29
Ducted Heat Pump	7,874	30,000	15,000	18,127	956,659	520,872	412,433	76,752	\$ 2,037,717	74
Heat Pump Water Heater	9,315	12,752		5,012	67,612	13,700	428,727	-	\$ 537,117	17
Insulation			-	256,935	58,228	244,969	704,402	29,249	\$ 1,293,783	43
Other		24,996		92,649	188,075	31,981		-	\$ 337,701	8
Solar + Storage				480,057	474,806	766,179	1,487,014	557,542	\$ 3,765,596	63
Solar				1,930,830	3,253,980	2,738,875	2,030,633	170,258	\$ 10,124,576	265
Windows				563,557	459,573	551,874	1,313,914	44,974	\$ 2,933,892	69
Grand Total	\$ 746,620	\$ 708,825	\$ 710,157	\$ 4,997,295	\$ 7,394,440	\$ 7,523,724	\$ 8,604,030	\$ 1,500,456	\$ 32,185,547	1,278

The following table shows the utilization of the RUS Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) loan funds, used to fund the Switch It Up program. The amount of funds listed below will be prioritized for projects that will be built and completed within the year of 2026. We are unable to committ funds to projects for future years.

	Total (in millions)	Project Committed	Remaining Available
RESP 1.0	5.80		-
RESP 2.0	15.00		-
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Member Communications

Ruralite Articles

This month's Ruralite magazine features five pieces of original content for members to enjoy. The magazine articles this month are:

- Annual Report
- Annual Meeting
- Real Spice Girls

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OPALCO 2026 Annual Meeting and Member Festival Another Success!

On Thursday, May 7, OPALCO held their virtual Annual Business Meeting, where the meeting minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were approved and the election results were announced. Ray Glaze of the OPALCO Election and Governance Committee announced the results of the 2026 Board Election. In District 1 (San Juan et al), Laura Derevensky was elected with 764 votes. In District 2 (Orcas et al), Laura Stern was elected with 701 votes. A total of 1,997 ballots were cast, which equates to 16.98% of the membership. Attached in appendix is certified election report.

OPALCO also bid farewell to outgoing Board President Vince Dauciunas, who is stepping down from the Board after more than a decade of service. He joined the OPALCO Board in 2011 and has since dedicated himself towards director training and gaining an in-depth understanding of the electric industry. OPALCO is grateful to Vince for his many years of service on the Board, and wishes him well in his next chapter.



OPALCO is required by the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) to hold an annual meeting each year. This year's meeting had 55 community members in attendance.



The following day, Friday May 8, members joined the OPALCO team on Lopez Island for the Annual Member Festival held at the Lopez Center for Community and the Arts. The festival was a huge success, with around 200 co-op members in attendance! The community center transformed into a family friendly educational activity center for the day, featuring the entire OPALCO team and lots of great swag giveaways and information.

Members had the chance to meet the OPALCO team and learn about the inner workings of a meter with our engineering team, or learn about how to save money and electricity with OPALCO's Switch It Up program with the energy savings team. Attendees could also meet the linecrew and go up in a bucket truck ride, or get a lesson in electrical safety at the safety board demo – where members can see an example of what happens when electrical safety practices are not used properly. The OPALCO Board and Leadership team were also in attendance to answer questions and take comments.



There were 7 electric vehicles as part of the EV showcase, which included the ID.4 from Karmart VolksWagen, the Leaf from Nissan of Everett, the C-HR from Foothills Toyota, and the Silverado, Blazer, and Equinox from Blade Chevy. Members had the opportunity to tour each vehicle and speak with representatives about features and functions. Island Rides, a local non-profit that provides environmentally responsible transportation services to San Juan County residents in need, brought their all electric Chevy Blazer.

The festival had kids activities galore! There was plenty to do, including enjoying the beauty of bubbles from the bubble machine, taking a ride in the bucket truck, jumping in the bouncy house, and learning about basic electricity with a paper circuits activity. While kids were playing, parents could stop by the educational booths to get tips on maximizing energy savings, get connected with local businesses and services, and learn more about the ins and outs of their local electric cooperative.



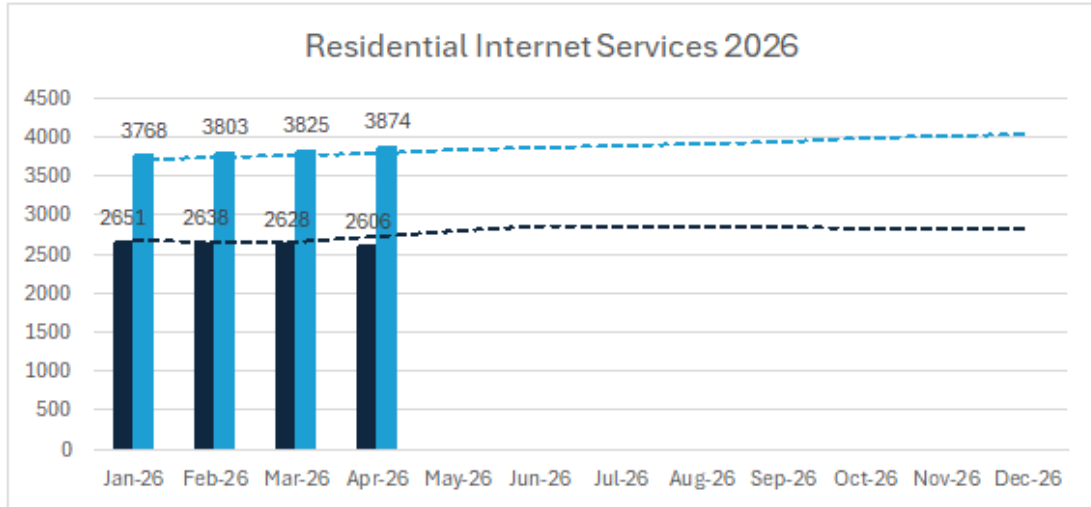
To cap everything off, members gathered around for the grand prize raffle drawing, which featured 15 unique prizes. Prizes ranged in size and function and included electric tools like saws, vacuums, pressure washers, shrub shears, and more! Thanks to generous donations from OPALCO's partners and local vendors for making the raffle possible. Sponsors included Pacific Steel Structures, General Pacific, Streamside Renewables, Island Excavating, NWPPA, Cooperative Response Center, Olympic Electric, PNGC Power, Pacific Energy Ventures, NISC, West Mechanical, MSF Data Services, Steinbrueck Family Excavation, Ascent Law Firm, West Sound Utility Construction, and Environmental Science Associates.

OPALCO is grateful to all the community partners who came to the event and shared information or provided resources including Rock Island Communications, Comfort Ready Homes, Island Rides, West Mechanical, Western Solar, Swiftwater Electric & Solar, EcoView Windows & Doors NW, Sunset Builders, and Cascadia Home Services. Members who missed the Annual Meeting or Member Festival can watch the video recording and read the 2025 Annual Report on the [OPALCO document library](#). The Annual Member Festival rotates each year between the big 3 islands, so if you missed out this year, don't fret! We'll be coming to an island close to you soon. We'll see everyone next year for a great event on Orcas Island!

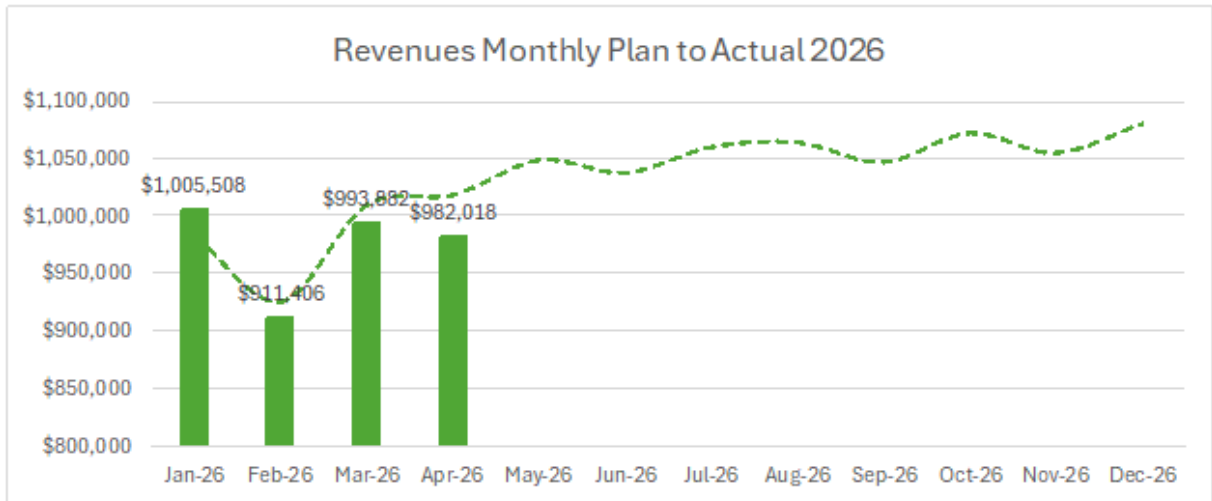
Rock Island Communications

7,016 Residential Internet Services

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Revenues



*Previous months' revenues, not closed out, are subject to change.

Appendix

Vince's Speech:

With the announcement of the election results, my term on the Board is officially at an end. I was first elected in 2011 and have had the privilege to serve this community for the past 15 years, including 10 years as Board President. I'm grateful to the dedicated people of Opalco, and my fellow board members who do the hard work of keeping this cooperative running every day. Over those years, I've had an in depth view of what it takes to provide reliable electric power here in San Juan County. And the simple truth is, it's not as easy—or as assured—as many assume.

I'd like to give a brief "state of the grid" that has been evolving since late 2018: the electric system we all depend on is entering a much more difficult period.

Washington State has adopted very aggressive energy laws. First came Initiative 937, then the Clean Energy Transformation Act, and then the Climate Commitment Act. Together, these laws require utilities to move away from fossil fuels, meet greenhouse-gas limits, and eventually reach 100% clean electricity. At the beginning of the text for CETA, it asserts that Washington can simultaneously decarbonize, protect reliability, avoid unreasonable costs, create jobs, preserve hydropower value, and broaden benefits. The law states the desired balance; it does not show how that balance is technically, economically, or institutionally achievable.

The state's own planning reports show electric demand rising substantially over the next decade and potentially doubling by 2050. It has not does fully accounted for large new loads such as data centers, widespread EV charging, and electric ferries. Meeting that demand will require thousands of megawatts of new generation, major battery storage, new substations, and new transmission.

And here is the problem: Washington has passed the laws, but it has not yet created a credible path to permit, finance, and build the infrastructure those laws require. There is NO one report from WA State that summarizes the cost, complexity, schedule, and dependencies necessary to meet the goals.

We are already seeing the warning signs. Regional reliability organizations are warning about resource adequacy. Utilities are facing growing loads. Transmission queues are backed up. Major wind and solar projects are stuck for years in permitting, litigation, or review. Since June 2024, a series of reports by independent organizations, the Interagency Clean Energy Siting Coordinating Council, and Commerce's 2024 Biennial Energy Report to the Legislature agree that Washington's permitting and zoning systems require significant reform to meet the mandates in CETA and the CCA. The State is NOT on track to meet the 2030 GHG reduction levels, nor is there evidence that renewable generation, storage, and transmission are being developed at near the required rate.

If Washington badly misses these buildout goals, the result is not just an embarrassing policy miss. It means the state likely gets the worst of both worlds: higher greenhouse gas emissions than promised, because load will keep growing and the system will lean harder on gas, imports, and market purchases; higher electric rates, because scarce dependable power, backup resources, and constrained transmission are expensive; and greater adequacy risk, because demand can arrive much faster than wind farms, solar arrays, batteries, substations, and transmission lines can be permitted and built.

For OPALCO, that means we cannot simply assume someone else will solve the problem for us. We bring power to the islands through a limited import path. As demand grows, we will need every realistic tool available:



conservation, demand response, rooftop solar, community solar scale generation, battery storage, and careful planning. But we also need to be clear: conservation, rooftop solar, and demand response are supplements. They are not substitutes for adequate power supply and grid infrastructure.

This is also why local government matters. San Juan County cannot support electrification, resilience, and climate goals while maintaining land-use rules that make energy infrastructure nearly impossible to build. Electric power is essential infrastructure. It must be planned for that way.

My request to our members, county officials, and state leaders is simple: treat energy adequacy as real, not theoretical. Remove unnecessary barriers to local generation, storage, and grid facilities. Demand honest infrastructure analysis, not just climate slogans. And recognize that goals without permits, financing, schedules, and physical projects are just hopes.

OPALCO's job is to keep the lights on. That job is getting harder. But facing reality early is far better than discovering too late that the plan was mostly binders that wind up on shelves!

In closing, I wish for the staff and management, current and new Board members, success in navigating the road ahead as the State, Counties, Utilities, and Citizens face the challenges set out for the Energy transition.

Thank you for your time!

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