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Notification of this request came via Opalco email while I was traveling off island. I did not actually receive it until this morning, which according to Opalco's email, was too late for comment. I respectfully request that you please consider the potential impact their request will have. In the 30+ years San Juan county has been my home I have participated in and witnessed tireless efforts to preserve the pristine beauty and rural character of the islands. Working for WSU Extension in San Juan county for 20 years, I assisted local farmers and foresters in managing rural spaces and protecting our beautiful environment. I have seen first hand the solar farm in Nevada, driving past miles of solar panels that cause light pollution, destroy wildlife habitat and species. Research does not support the efficacy of these farms to supply sufficient power to sustain a community and when they fail there is no way to dispose of them. I am not an expert on the subject, but I urge you to practice due diligence and thoroughly research from all perspectives before opening a door to Opalco's proposal that once opened, cannot be shut.

Sincerely,

Susan Herrera
Lopez Island
Sent from my iPhone