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Dear Ms. Sullivan -

I am a San Juan County resident (Orcas Island) writing in support of the two 2024 Docket requests submitted by OPALCO (c/o Russell Guerry), namely:

request 24-0007 - I support the new land use, "agri-solar generation" to allow permitting for agri-solar generation in rural areas and AG Resource Lands and allow conditional use in Forest Resource Lands. This will encourage increased local renewable energy and diversify farm income to improve the stressed economics of local food productions.

request 24-0008 - I support adding a land use to "Utilities Uses" that would be called "Utility Renewable power-generation facilities" for modern renewable energy systems that are clean and quiet, unlike legacy non-renewable power generation systems that may be deployed in the code's current "Commercial power-generation facilities." The current land use designations exclude utility scale solar projects from 63% of land in San Juan County, leaving agricultural dedicated land as one of the only options for these projects. The "Utility Renewable power-generation facilities" land use would allow for provisional/conditional use permitting for utility renewable-power generation facilities in all rural designated areas and "AG Resource lands", and conditional use in "Forest Resource Lands".

Thank you,
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