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San Juan County Planning Commission:

Please support OPALCO's proposed amendments to the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan. This local energy resilience is essential to keeping our County running during the uncertainties of the energy transition - and OPALCO's plan is a good use of sharing county ag land with a renewable energy future.

On a personal note, I am a long-time resident of both Issaquah and SJI (Cape San Juan). I installed solar panels at my home in Issaquah not specifically to save money on utilities but because it is the right thing to do. Even though our power on the islands comes mostly from renewable hydropower, a significant portion of it is lost in the transmission process over hundreds of miles. I feel very good knowing that on a sunny day like today, my excess power in Issaquah goes directly to my neighbors with almost no losses.

I would prefer to install panels on my home at the Cape but the location, shade, etc. make it infeasible. That is why I am excited that OPALCO is proposing community-based alternatives. I understand that there are trade-offs, but our island residents are consistently vocal in their concerns with global warming. It is time to walk the walk, not just talk the talk and blame everything on corporate oil, etc.

Please consider these requests and be a part of the solution for a healthy energy future.

Thank you!

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