



Island Network, a subsidiary of Orcas Power and Light Cooperative, offers broadband service by utilizing OPALCO's [Power Grid Control Backbone](#), which has been built to manage our electric system.

First Step: Getting Connected

To begin service, the connecting member pays the one-time **cost of construction** to establish a connection from the backbone to their location. This construction cost will vary depending on the customer's location, and typically consists of two components:

- The "Middle Mile," which is the connection from the backbone into your neighborhood, and
- The "Last Mile," which is the connection from your local Middle Mile to your home or business location.

The cost of the Middle Mile can be shared among neighbors, thus reducing the overall cost for each customer.

The Island Network team is actively working with organized groups of members – HOAs, road or water associations, or simply groups of neighbors that come together to share costs – to engineer and cost-estimate the deployment of Middle Mile and Last Mile infrastructure to their locations. If you are a member of any organized association, please approach your group's leadership about putting together a plan to connect. If you are not part of such a group, talk this over with your neighbors and see if you can establish a group. Have each member of your group fill out the form at <http://islandnetwork.opalco.com/contact/request-service>.

Incentives

To encourage members to sign up, Island Network is offering to each property owner two types of Incentive, for a limited time only:

- The **Subscription Incentive** is a \$1500 credit toward the build cost within your area. OPALCO will cover the first \$1500, and the connecting customer is responsible for all construction costs that exceed this amount. Groups of neighbors can pool their Construction Incentives, so cost savings will be greatest where there is a higher level of participation within your neighborhood.
- The **Discount Incentive** is available if you are willing to cover your entire cost of construction. In this case, you would decline to take advantage of the Subscription Incentive, and in return, Island Network will provide you a \$20/mo discount on your monthly subscription rate for as long as you are an Island Network customer at that address.