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Need for power has out grown supply. Today's residents at Stehekin are not a group that has a lack of money or a lack of toys. They may vote ultra conservative, but they do not live that way. A large portion are employed by the national park in a highly subsidized manner due to the park's isolation. It has become a valley of "entitled" residents. There are many part-time residents and now many rentals added to what used to be a quiet nature-loving respectful valley.

I would like for you to consider my thoughts and ideas toward more conservation of our hydro power and a more limited dependency on diesel power. You have generously provided Chelan County P.U.D. home owners with rebates. I believe there are three ways to reach better conservation of power,

- #1. higher rates
- #2. new construction incentives
- #3 rebates for less than perfect windows, and propane appliances and heat

#1. bring the power cost more in line with actual cost. Raise the rates. Power is not unlimited! and we must learn to conserve. I believe that nothing else will wake up the users. Incentives could be given to homes that are 100% in line with a graduated incentive scale to those who do partial replacement. The degree of incentive being proportionate to the numbers of propane appliances.

#2. when new construction does happen give incentives for propane appliances and heat. Clothes dryers, cooking stoves, heating stoves, hot water heaters v.s. wood stoves to protect our environment and reduce electrical demand. Encourage them to install the very best windows available. Have them installed in such a way that cooling would be increased to reduce need for air conditioning on all but the hottest days. Clothes lines...I am a believer here. I do not believe this would be acceptable without a great deal of education. People seem to value immediate results rather than the work of a clothes line. Placement is very important here.

#3. rebates for currently being used electrical appliances and windows

I would suggest that you consider huge rebates for currently being used for electric stoves, clothes dryers, and hot water tanks and older vinyl windows. What I hear from our local residents is "if it ain't broke, do not replace it". I do not have the statistics to back up the savings here. Windows greatly impact our power consumption, not just metal windows, but also older vinyl windows. If all types of windows were brought in line with top of the line currently available I believe the savings would be great. Stehekin is very precious to me. My family goes way back to 1964 when the property there was purchased and the log cabin built by my family members. The cabin is located at 101 Varney Lane, more familiarly known as "Critter Cove" or "Clark's Hole", depending on whether you are an animal lover or a fisherman. At the time of the cabin being built the power was cheap, and power abundant. There were few summer cabins in the valley.

Ann Congdon and I go way back in our family history. Her Grandfather and my Great Grandparents were friends and he was also their family doctor.

Stehekin has been discovered, and it is not untouched. Need for power has outgrown supply, something has to change.

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Thank you!

FYI you should also know I am currently shopping for a propane stove, rebate or not!