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To: Patrick White
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Cc: Chris Yakabouski; David Ross; Thomas G. Benton; Kevin Marshall; Paul D. Trampe; Timothy J. McLaughlin; Wanda Parrish; Dave Hammond; Sean Fogarty
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Apologies ... the prior email was sent before completed.

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Renewably Useless: Dynamite Needed (Excerpt:)

Having written an entire book about wind and solar power I consider myself an expert. My conclusion is that wind and solar are totally useless for generating utility scale power fed into the electric grid. They are totally useless because they have to be subsidized, approximately 70% for utility scale installations, and 90% for residential rooftop solar installations. In other words their economic value is approximately 10% to 30% of their cost. The subsidy needed to support wind or solar is paid by taxpayers and utility customers.

The right thing to do is to plow under or dynamite the wind and solar installations. But, wind and solar are still being built, because it is in the financial interest of important people. The public and the media are fooled into thinking that wind and solar are useful, due to pervasive propaganda and faulty analysis.

My analysis is not new or original. The federal Energy Information Administration makes the same analysis, but they downplay it so as not to get in trouble with the special interests. My numbers are not out of line with published information and estimates from various sources. Read my book, Dumb Energy, for more details.

And these two articles have already been presented, but worth linking again with excerpt:

Green Energy Is The Perfect Scam (Excerpt:)

Green energy is an incredible money-making scam. The promoters of green energy make billions of dollars promoting dumb energy schemes that are completely useless. What makes the scam extremely clever is that the scammers have convinced the public that the purpose of their scam is to improve the environment. The scammers pretend to be earnest environmental advocates.

Any really good scam needs endorsements from authoritative sounding sources. In the case of green energy, the authoritative sources are in on the scam. The beneficiaries of the green energy scam go way beyond the wind and solar industries.

Ironically, electric utility companies love wind and solar green energy. They know perfectly well that wind and solar are useless because wind and solar generate electricity erratically and have to be backed up by reliable conventional electric generating plants. The only economic benefit is the fuel saved in the backup plants when wind or solar is actually generating electricity. But the cost of the wind or solar electricity is much higher than the benefit of fuel saved. Thus, the more wind or solar that you have, the more money you lose. But, electric utilities are regulated by public utilities commissions. The amount of profit they are allowed is calculated as a fraction of the utilities' capital investment. So, the utilities want to make capital investments, even if those investments are wind and solar plants that waste money on a grand scale. The electricity consumers bear the cost and the utilities are allowed a larger profit.

Green energy is the perfect scam because it is disguised as a do-good movement and the victims are dispersed, unorganized and disarmed by propaganda. Green energy is endorsed by government agencies, environmental non-profits, and scientific groups. These are people that are often seen as sources of reliable information but that, in reality, work to promote their own parochial interests. This is a scam that needs to be exposed.

Twilight of the Green Follies (Excerpt:)

There are at least three problems with renewable energy (wind and solar), which are not surmountable. First, it is intermittent i.e. not reliable, because there are times when the wind does not blow and the sun does not shine. In fact, the Germans have invented a word for it, they call it 'Dunkelflaute' (dark doldrums). This means that there must be a base, non-renewable, grid load maintained at all times. This is hugely expensive, apart from making a mockery of the whole concept of 100% renewable energy.

Secondly, renewable energy depends on government subsidies and is not feasible without them. As Warren Buffet has put it succinctly, "the only reason to invest in renewable projects are government subsidies." The subsidies, of course, are paid by electricity users which makes rates skyrocket. In Germany, the self-anointed world leader of renewable energy, a kilowatt hour (kWh) now costs 30 euro cents, more than twice the average for Europe. In order to maintain the competitiveness of energy-intensive industries, Germany makes the ratepayers subsidize industry, which is socialism pure and simple. In California, current rates are $0.18 cents per kWh, which is at least 40% higher than the rest of the country and ultimately will lead to deindustrialization. California no longer produces any microchips, nor are there many data centers left in the state, despite the fact that all of the high-tech behemoths are headquartered here. The green charlatans running that state won't tell you that, but it does not make it any less of a reality.

Third, the efficiency of solar and wind tech, despite being heavily subsidized, is rapidly approaching the limits of physics, which means that there are no great efficiency improvements to be expected, as expert Mark Mills has eloquently argued. Current wind turbines capture 40% of the energy of the wind, while the maximum possible according to the law of physics (Betz Limit) is 60%. Similarly, modern solar cells, says Mills, capture

> *26% of the sun's energy, while the physical limit of conversion (Shockley-Gueisser limit) is 33%. Compare this to American natural gas production, which, according to the Energy Information Agency (EIA), has 500% gap between today's productivity and what is possible.*
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> *The renewable energy emperor has no clothes and it won't be long before everyone can see it.*

I hope you will consider the folly of taking a preposterous amount of county forest and permitting it to be used in pursuit of profit and "feel-good" but useless initiatives.

Thank you, and again my apologies for the duplicate email.

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