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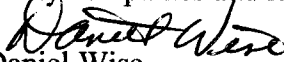
Ever since the debacle of California's Machiavellian effort to create a "competitive energy market driven by supply & demand contracts"; erroneously basing its grand experiment and faith, upon utility deregulation. What we really experienced was the truer nature and profiteering objectives of corporate monopolies in the oil, gas, and electric utilities. Market manipulations and speculators continue to block any real progress with the development of critical alternative energy programs on a state or federal level.

Now, some 24 years after the first Arab Oil Embargoes, Sempra Energy says it will finally develop its first solar energy project. It's BIG of course, 10 megawatts, because that's the only way they want to build. Ignoring the facts that San Diego County's residential and commercial building roof tops collect some of the highest solar insolation levels in the southwest.

Even though Germany, at higher cooler latitude, has been aggressively investing in a countrywide solar electric roof top program with great success, SDGE says it would not be as efficient as their negligently proposed Sunrise Powerlink. Why? Because it's a BIG capital investment that they can charge ratepayers over years for, and make their shareholders/ themselves a nice BIG profit. You see, it's never been about national security, the environment, Green energy; or we, the ratepayers. It's the BIG profit projects they'll always push on the uninformed public.

I am calling upon the California PUC to act now, and act boldly on behalf of San Diego's and California's green energy future. We've already lost the past 34 years to invest and diversify our energy resource base. The PUC must demand that SDGE now act financially prudent on behalf of its ratepayers by developing our local roof top solar resources first; before approving anymore BIG expensive transmission projects to non-existent solar plants in the desert.

What if the PUC would require that SDGE use its proposed Sunrise funding to create a new Solar Division? That sounds like regulation, but guess what it? It was fostering the development of an entire green economy with technology advancements; new job creation; and market leadership during the 1970's and 1980's - until of course, the oil marketers manipulated, diffused and diverted our government's efforts away from these critical programs. Now as, San Diego Solar Gas & Electric (SDSGE), their task would be clear - Maximize the efficiency and installation of local peak load reducing solar systems; tap into and upgrade existing distribution and substations; educate the public more about net metering, and offer a more rewarding electric buyback incentive as well for more local solar generation capacity. Also, the evidence now being in that transmission lines create devastating fire storms; destroy natural habitats; and are less efficient local distribution based community projects; please consider this - If the sunshine in Arizona and Nevada is so much more valuable and marketable to San Diego, then let those utility companies and ratepayers build their own transmission lines to Southern California.


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