

Hello-

I only just heard of the Climate Action Council Draft Scoping Plan from a newsletter in my National Fuel bill this March. I'm not sure enough people are aware of all this. How many people really read an insert in their gas bill? Or is that by design? This to me is a hard sell - not much benefit - a lot of grief. Some of my concerns follow:

When I see what was said and done by our government and corporate media to Donald Trump I tend to doubt and question everything they try to tell me now. I do know under President Trump we were energy independent. Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Energy, is pushing green energy in the US. Coincidentally she holds a lot of green energy stocks worth millions of dollars. In the least it just doesn't look good. John Kerry and some Hollywood egos, supposedly advocates for climate, fly around in their private jets and want me to believe fossil fuels cause climate change. Not their jets? Do as I say not as I do?

President Biden and his ilk do everything to stop US natural gas and oil production. Recently he turns to Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Iran for their dirty oil, spending more oil to get it here. President Biden would rather make a deal with a terrorist nation, Iran, than use our own cleaner US oil. We are one earth, oil is oil, why does its' origin matter? One of his alternatives is for us all to drive \$60,000 EVs. The government will even help us pay for them with subsidies and rebates. Oh wait - that's really just our own taxpayer money. Batteries are like gas tanks. They store electricity, they don't make it. Electricity is made elsewhere primarily by coal, uranium, natural gas powered plants or diesel fueled generators

So to say an EV is a zero emission vehicle is 100% false. The average EV battery weighs 1000lbs and is the size of a travel trunk. It is made up of Lithium, nickel, manganese, cobalt, copper, aluminum, steel and plastic. Not exactly green. So what do we do with millions of car batteries when we are done with them? I have not heard yet. Maybe nobody knows, maybe pollute the earth in a landfill somewhere. President Biden is also using the Russia/Ukraine war as an excuse for his high gas prices. Again by design? High enough that maybe we'll all want his alternative-renewables whether we're ready or not.

Scientists don't all agree either. Saying things like "We only have 12 years" twenty years ago doesn't help. And citing peer review scientific analysis just shows the scientists you asked to participate all agreed with you.

The Climate Action Council wants bans on natural gas appliances, etc. in the name of "Climate Justice". We should not be getting rid of fossil fuels until we have a more reliable substitute, which windmills and solar panels are not. There have been "rolling blackouts" in Texas and California. They weren't ready either. I thought there would be a gradual change when prepared not a ban. Mills only work when the wind blows, solar panels during the day when the snow is gone and the sun is out. Mills drip oil. If they are in the lakes, disturbing the silt, oil gets in the water. If they need deicing those chemicals drop in the water too. We drink that water. The grid we have now can't handle more electricity. Where and what do you do with all the imported from China, made by slaves, parts when they are no longer useful?

I've read that a windmill weighs 1688 tons. Each blade alone weighs 81,000 pounds. That's a lot to dispose of. It is not a good idea to be reliant on China for anything. A lesson still not learned. We would be making ourselves vulnerable - more so.

I get calls and mail from places like Nexamp to sign up for renewable power and I'll save 10% on my electric bill, but I'll ruin the peace and serenity of my fellow NYers by installing noisy, eye polluting windmills in their backyards. Why are they always white? They stick out like a sore thumb. Again - what about their maintenance and removal? Who takes care of that. From what I've heard - they don't. China owns 200,000 acres of our farmland. What other country would ever allow that. And now more farmland will be used for solar panels, another product from China. Is that a good idea?

The Renewable Heat Now and Diana Strablow, vice chair of Sierra Club Niagara Group, wants us to use heat pumps. I thought this area was too cold for heat pumps to work efficiently. The Geothermal Tax Credit would provide \$5000 on heat pump installation, again taxpayer money. You'd need a 220 line for an electric stove, a 220 line for an electric car, maybe a 220 line for an electric dryer. What about the furnace and or the heat pump is that another 220 line? Can you imagine the thickness of the pole wire running from house to house. Most older homes like mine would need a bigger electric panel. That's expensive too. This whole green thing seems above the average persons budget and not very reliable.

I read things like the Public Service Commissions

take on AlleCatt wind project: rural environment to be degraded, Killing 26,000 to 39,500 bats, 41 bald eagles, other birds and amphibian species at risk, removing 1550 acres of mature forests and crossing 174 streams with new roads. Is that true? I thought we needed trees. You can't justify what you want in the name of climate change by damaging our environment in a different way. Protect our lakes, don't cut down our trees - they are a source of life.

There is also the Cypress Creek Renewables proposing Bear Ridge Solar, 937 acre project spread across 11 non contiguous parcels of farmland in Cambria and Pendleton. What will that ruin in the name of "climate justice"? I remember when the residents started realizing what was happening and opposed it in their area. So Gov. Cuomo signed a law eliminating their choice. Not in my backyard comes to mind - We'll put them in yours not ours. It's easy to vote for something that doesn't affect you or your home.

So all of these businesses want to make a profit. Are they trustworthy? They tell you what they think you want to hear which is whatever they're selling saves the climate. And once we are all hooked up on electricity and after we have eliminated natural gas, contrary to what they are selling, I'm sure the price and the taxes on it will soar.

The more I read about windmills, solar panels and car batteries it doesn't seem any better than what we use already. Going after the elements from other nations, some nations use children in mines who end up

poisoned from what they are extracting from the earth. The EV's battery has to be charged some how some way that's not green and maybe we'll end up indebted to China. The final product is one thing, the production, elements, transportation, final disposal, etc. are another thing - Behind the scene - things aren't green!

I also heard recently we had lowered our emissions by 30%. Barack Obama just bought a multimillion dollar waterfront property. If true, I guess he's not too worried about rising waters. Why does it have to be all or nothing? You wouldn't have to ban something if what you were selling was better and more affordable. If it is - I'm not getting the message. Like I said - just some concerns.

Thanks for reading,
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