

SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON IPA'S ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT PLAN
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Isn't it time to take off the "green glasses" that we are being conditioned to always wear so we collectively approve anything that is even called "green"? Decades ago such glasses were called rose-colored glasses!

The significant decline of our economy and the increase in unemployment appears to have silenced the voices of many persons at various levels of governments and businesses who otherwise would share their alternative perspectives on the path and the ethical short-cuts now being taken. Does fear, real or perceived, now trump the best interests of the Citizens of these United States and our State?

Our legislators continue to pass legislation that has many unintended consequences, many of which should have been defined and remedied before the legislation was approved; on the "positive side" this promotes the full employment of many attorneys.

The IPA Electricity Procurement Plan is based on the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard requirement that 25 % of Illinois Electricity to be from renewables and 75 % of that from wind. From my experience, many of the wind companies are foreign corporations even though they say they are based in Chicago or elsewhere in the U.S. It also appears that most of the industrial wind turbines are also produced in foreign countries. I guess we should pat ourselves on the back for being such good global partners but what does this do to our Balance of Payments? Please also note that not all foreign wind companies are our allies but they will have access to our electrical grid(s).

Significant Federal subsidies favor wind energy that is primarily is investment inefficient, an intermittent part-time, and primarily a night time source of electricity that creates electrical grid management problems that at times results in the curtailment of wind energy from even being put on the electric grid (PJM or MISO).

The federal and State subsidies, etc. for part-time energy sources appear to be diverting funding from the needed replacement of electrical energy plants that can provide consistent reliable power 24/7. If your home were only provided with wind electrical energy you better understand.

Given the financial stress our Country and our State are facing, **the Illinois RPS requirements should be waived as has been done with other laws.** The heavy subsidies are diverting funding from other more important priorities and are forcing significant budget cutbacks in many areas.

The requirement of wind energy will likely significantly increase electrical energy costs. Since we have a consumer driven economy the increased costs of electrical energy will increase the costs of all products and services and reduce the disposable income of consumers and our economy will likely further decline.

The Production Tax Credits generated by wind energy allows some corporations and private investors to significantly reduce or eliminate their income tax liability; should we have a concern about corporations that pay little or no taxes or should be just be concerned with the tax rates of individuals?

The Total Resource Cost Test or "TRC test" fails to account for the "collateral damage" of wind energy which includes but is not limited to the following:

The creation of economic development dead-zones and the land-locking of municipalities.

Back-door property tax increases to the residents of Illinois as the depreciation of the wind turbines

decreases their value and the increased tax levies based on the new property shift to the residents.

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