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My wife and I reside 1.2 miles from the proposed plant on Wallum lake Road. We OPPOSE the plant!

I would like to thank the siting board for listening to our concerns. If I raise my voice the tone isn't directed at you personally. Myself as well as those here who oppose are already suffering the ill effects just by this proposal process itself. Mental anguish, stress, anxiety, and fear. We are a peaceful, loving and caring people, because we live in a peaceful, loving, and caring town. I want to quote "Aftershock, an Energy Wake Up Call", blogged by Mike Polsky, CEO and Founder of Invenergy. It appears in The Hills Congress Blog in March of 2011. Just 3 ½ years before this Natural Fracked gas proposed plant, pushing renewable energy. I provided you with a copy. He basically refers to the 8.9 earthquake in Japan, and other things like gas price instability etc.

"Americans are once again taking stock of the country's Energy policies. The news has alerted us to the RISKS we have come to expect". We don't want to accept those risks. He continues, "But the shock won't last long, gas prices will moderate and as he quotes President Obama, we will slip back into a trance". Apparently Invenergy and its founder slipped back into that trance. He goes on "lets wake up, lets once and for all break out of this vicious cycle of awareness followed by denial". That company apparently is in denial!

"Diversity can insulate us from Natural gas price instability, supply disruptions, and inevitable accidents". So why are they proposing this Plant? He admits that accidents are inevitable! He continues "Diversity can help us clean our air, conserve our water, and foster technological Innovation with renewable energy".

"Costs to build renewable energy plants such as solar and wind, sits between Lower cost natural Gas and higher cost Nuclear. Renewable energy plants distribute their power distribution over multiple production units, so they are not prone to **whole plant failures**, and maintenance outages that occur with natural gas fired plants". Why again are they proposing this type of plant? He states further...

"Renewable energy creates jobs and technological innovation. It is a nascent business in America. We are only beginning to see its job creation potential. New investment and new jobs will increase as well as industries ranging from component manufacturing and assembly, to construction and operations. So why is this plant going to do the opposite? only 24 full time jobs? Our governor needs to read this blog. Go renewable for job and economic growth as the hypocritical CEO and Invenergy stated a few years

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ago! The kicker is his closing paragraph is the point he makes" Renewable energy is environmentally benign. They produce no harmful emissions". He admits the emissions are harmful! Renewable energy consumes none of our scarce water resources", but in this case he wants to use a contaminated water supply! "whether you embrace or deny climate change arguments, would you rather have electricity from a source that pollutes, or a clean source". These are his own words!!! Let us reduce our risks, by diversifying our supply, lets tap the power of renewable resources to help get us there, it's simply common sense". Apparently Invenergy, and the founder himself lost their common sense. This blog alone, by his words, should be enough for you to refuse to site this plant!!! Thank you

Aftershock: An energy wake-up call

By Michael Polsky - 03/28/11

Although it's still early, 2011 is shaping up to be the year of the energy aftershock. Japan's 8.9 magnitude earthquake forced the shutdown of oil refining facilities and nuclear power plants. Turmoil in North Africa and the Middle East pose an oil supply risk. Markets are rattled.

And so as we rise each morning to headlines about oil prices, political turmoil and natural disasters, Americans once again are taking stock of the country's energy policies. The news has alerted us to the risks we have come to accept with our energy supply – risks of supply disruption, commodity price spikes and safety.

But the shock won't last long. Eventually, prices will moderate. Power plant and drilling accidents will be forgotten. And as President Obama recently described it, we'll "slip back into a trance" when it comes to energy reform.

Let's wake up! Once and for all, let's break out of this vicious cycle of awareness followed by denial.

Today, 70% of our power supply comes from fossil fuels and 20% from nuclear. Approximately 6% comes from hydro-electric plants and only about 4% comes from other renewable sources. Over the next quarter-century, the total demand for electric power in the United States is expected to increase by roughly 25%. This will create a unique opportunity to re-balance and diversify our power supply.

Greater diversification can insulate us from commodity price instability, supply disruptions, and inevitable accidents. And diversity can help us clean our air, conserve our water and foster technological innovation.

Increasing the contribution from renewable resources is the key to our diversification strategy. Here's why:

*** Renewable energy is cost-competitive.**

Costs to build renewable power plants, such as wind farms, sit in between lower-cost natural gas plants and higher-cost coal and nuclear plants. Yet operating costs of renewable power are very low because the fuel is free, 365 days a year. And while natural gas looks pretty attractive at current rock-bottom prices, what would happen if the cost of natural gas were to approach levels at which they were just a few years ago?

Despite what we might predict today, the undeniable fact is that commodity prices are by nature unpredictable, while renewable energy costs are fixed up front. A balanced long-term view of power supply options renders renewable power competitive with natural gas and significantly less expensive than new nuclear or “clean coal” plants.

*** Renewable energy can be added to our utility grid easily and quickly.**

Renewable generation equipment, such as wind turbines and solar panels, is modular – that means it can be built to fit our power needs, and can be easily expanded. The development and construction period is typically about half that of natural gas, and a fraction of the time it takes for coal or nuclear.

And because many renewable technologies distribute their power generation across multiple production units, they’re not subject to whole-plant failures and maintenance outages, as are large fossil or nuclear plants. In fact, the reliability of the electrical system will be improved by having a larger percentage of distributed resources.

Because the sun doesn’t always shine, and the wind doesn’t always blow, critics claim that this “intermittency” is a major drawback for renewable energy. No one, though, is suggesting that our entire electricity supply come from renewables. Most electrical grids can easily support about 20-30% of their supply coming from intermittent renewable sources, by balancing those with other on-demand electricity sources like gas-fired or hydro plants.

*** Renewable energy creates jobs and technological innovation.**

Renewable energy is a nascent business in America, and so we’re only beginning to see its job creation potential. As demand for renewable energy grows, new investment will increase as well. New jobs will be created in industries ranging from component manufacturing and assembly to construction and operations. The economic rewards from lower costs and better performance will spur technological innovation, and create even more jobs.

*** Renewable energy is environmentally benign.**

Renewables produce no harmful emissions. And many forms of renewable energy, like wind and solar panels, consume none of our scarce water resources. Whether you embrace or deny climate change arguments, would you rather have electricity from a clean source or from a source that pollutes?

So let's be realistic about the aftershocks that are sure to follow a wrong-headed approach to our energy supply. Let's reduce our risks by diversifying our supply. And let's tap the power of renewable resources to help get us there. It's simply common sense.

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