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## Repeal energy program

Our current governor and Legislature have mandated that all electrical suppliers in Oregon shall provide power from renewable sources.

In 2007, the Oregon Legislature signed into law a Renewable Energy Program, which applies to all utilities and electricity service suppliers serving Oregon. Utilities serving 3 percent or more of Oregon's total retail electric sales, for example, Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp, must meet the following targets: 5 percent by 2011; 15 percent by 2015; 20 percent by 2020; 25 percent for 2025 and beyond.

Smaller utility companies will have no recourse except to pass on these extra costs since it has been proven that wind power is the most expensive and inefficient source of electrical power in the world today.

Oregon residents will be penalized by paying double for their electrical power due to the program. However, the wind power companies will reap the benefits through tax subsidies, stimulus grants and these increased rate charges.

Unfortunately, there are very few options for the utility companies other than wind power, which has jumped on the bandwagon claiming it can fill that gap. Some have bought into this program due to not really understanding the consequences.

Hundreds of millions of our tax dollars have been given to wind farm developers in the name of green power through tax subsidies and outright payments, when in fact it has done nothing for our environment except to desecrate it with colossal wind towers.

The Renewable Energy Program needs to be repealed until such time as there are reliable sources of renewable energy.

Contact your state legislators and make it known that the Renewable Energy Program was a bad decision.

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