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Lately we have been given no end of information about the validity of electrical generation by wind power. Clean certainly, but not always reliable in all four seasons and should not be solely relied upon.

Why is there not as much, or no emphasis at all, on "hydro" or water power - the cleanest, safest source of electric power there is? Tried, proven, effective and - above all - reliable twenty four-seven-twelve. Also providing water conservation, always taking on a new meaning during drought, as well as aquatic recreation and perpetuation of fish, renewing itself from year to year.

Yet not one cent has been allocated for development of new reservoirs. We keep hearing about virtues of wind and solar power, A.K.A "Green Is Keen" and "politically correct." Wind and solar power certainly make their contributions, but the sun isn't always shining and sometimes an ill wind is better than no wind - especially when your batteries are running low.

So let's use common sense and put hydro power on footing equal to wind and solar. Reliable electricity isn't just for television and games. It provides employment, communications and ultimately safe guards life and liberty for all ... as long as the generators keep turning.

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