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It is vital that the Rocky Mountain Power request for lowering the net metering amount be rejected! We need our state to be a leader in the fight for renewable energy and to do so, we must continue to increase our use of solar power. This request to lower the net metering rate will not only diminish the returns for customers, it will do irreparable damage to the solar industry going forward.

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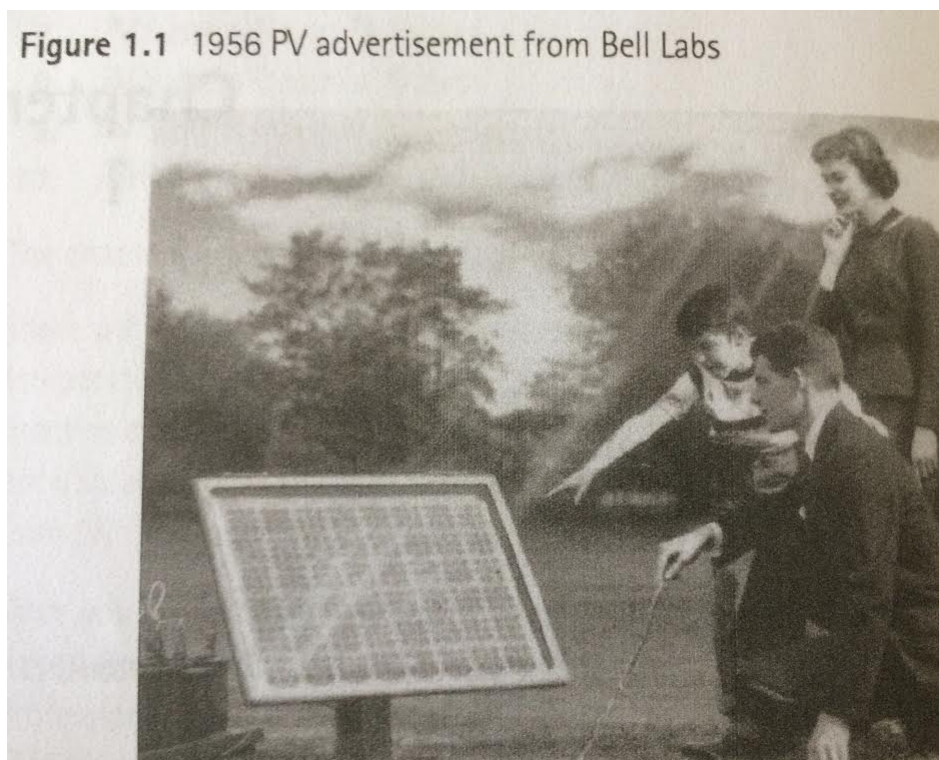
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I hope everyone is keeping healthy and sane during the current world situation.



The first known PV (photovoltaic or Solar) panels were developed by Bell Labs, their working prototype was displayed to the public in 1956. My interest in clean energy was sparked as a child at the World's Fair in 1962. The "Energy Pavilion" had a display about solar energy. During the 1960 & 70's as a student in Washington State public schools, I learned about the gas and oil industry operating on public lands in the US. Much of the cost was born by the taxpayers at that time, and this is still true today (google search "coal, oil, & gas subsidies").

Having that knowledge, my daily commuting and recreation has been on foot or on a bicycle for over 40 years. This is no longer enough to satisfy my concerns.

Washington state, the state where I was raised, presently uses no coal. Huge trains pass through the state every day, carrying coal mined in other states, for shipment overseas. The global environmental impacts, and the impact on the local community does not set well with the residents of Washington.

Fossil fuels had their "Time in the Sun" if you catch the connection. The US and most industrialized countries would not be where they are today without it. Educated citizens in the

US and around the globe in my lifetime believed that cleaner energy sources would be harnessed and fossils fuels would be obsolete by the early 2000's.

In 2009 I took a series of classes and attended meetings open to the public on the topic. These meetings were moderated by Doctor Mike Nelson, Energy Director for the State of WA at that time, also my professor and advisor for classes I attended. (Shoreline College, Seattle WA.) Officials from; Puget Sound Energy (Greater Seattle area), PUD (Public Utility District of Snohomish County WA), plus officials from Idaho and Montana Public Utilities, presented at these meetings. All were advocating for home and small business to go solar and were in support of incentive programs. The rationale: building a new dam, coal fired, or nuclear generating plant would be expensive, take decades, and be obsolete by the time it came on line. Wind and solar in these states is going strong at the present time and continues to grow. Electric rates have NOT Skyrocketed. Washington State has removed two power generating dams on the Elwha River and power shortages have NOT occurred. Washington state continues to be an exporter of electric power. The economics of wind and solar are working out well, both at the utility scale and in homes and small businesses. See my blogs, and analysis done by thousands of engineers and scientist on the environmental footprint of wind and solar, and the financial viability of same.

Currently I reside in Ogden UT. Coal powered generation in Utah, and the resulting air quality along the Wasatch is an obvious public concern.

Neighboring states have shown the way. NOW is the time to cut back on the subsidies and incentives for the fossil fuel industry and enhance subsidies and incentives for clean energy.

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