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Killing the re-regulated electricity market, and other musings

How does adding a nearly \$1.2 billion dollar "electric supply reliability reserve fund" to force aging conventional thermal generating facilities to remain available for the next 3 years do anything but increase our already among the highest-in-the-nation electricity rates, particularly in PG&E's service territory? And I believe your estimated funding cost to be on the low side. You should check into the Ormond Beach units' maintenance history and costs. Since this state started down the path of "deregulating" electricity (in 1996) and forcing highly volatile and unreliable wind and solar generation down the throats of Californians, rates have done nothing but increase. Exponentially. And now you're going to force EV's on us too? How can you possibly even think all of this is truly "green"? Solar panels and lithium-ion batteries are manufactured in communist China using largely high carbon-emitting generating facilities. Many wind turbine components are made in communist China and Russia...ah, Russia...another bastion of hope for carbon neutrality. And what happens with the solar panels and batteries once they guit producing? There are no green solutions for that problem yet, are there? You people have failed on this issue so royally over the past 25 years and have done nothing but sent this state down the road to ruin during that time. California can hardly be described as a nice place to live anymore, and likely never will be again. At least not with a bunch of politically motivated climate change zealots in charge. The climate has been changing on this planet for billions of years, and it's going to continue. I will grant that the effort to reduce carbon emissions is a noble one; I mean, that can't be a bad thing, right? Unless the effort has been implemented as it has so far in California: badly, with minimal regard for reliability, and with prioritie\$ in all the wrong place\$.