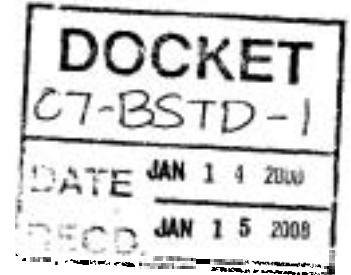


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It has come to my attention that the California Energy Commission is proposing that the Government adjust the thermostats of the homes of private individuals during "times of crisis" using Programmable thermostat controls.

Not only is this **Orwellian** interference with private lives at it's worst, it fails completely to address the issue of energy in California. Rather than insisting that individuals "conserve" according to some arbitrary or politically expedient standard, the commission should be requiring that **ALL NEW HOMES be** built with either solar or wind generation systems so as to **be** "energy -neutral". Housing developments (ie "tracts") could be built using a centralized system, which would amortize the costs. The problem with California is NOT individuals failing to conserve but in the failure of CALIFORNIA to either build a reasonable energy power system AND to limit construction of new homes to match what California energy has to offer. Instead of insisting that **INDIVIDUALS** be at the mercy of "big brother", the Government should be further encouraging the use of solar or wind power systems.

I live in the middle of the Mojave desert (Inyokern, CA). I've looked into obtaining a solar system and at this point, **BECAUSE** I have reduced my energy usage to as low as I reasonably can by shutting off rooms, insulating where possible, etc, it would take me more than 10 years to "break even" on inputting a solar system or wind generator at my home. You want us to conserve, make it possible to do so - encourage communities to "go off the grid", find a way to use more geothermal power such as that at the Coso plant. Find a way to make it less of an economic hardship to convert a conventional home to solar or wind. And require developers to include solar/ wind systems in their developments -- a point where the costs are significantly less, even when passed on to the buyer.

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety" - Benjamin Franklin