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I do not understand how the ERP can be shut down, without warning, before the stated deadline. How can the rules be changed in the middle of the game? I see that if you are a Government Agency (that is run For the People, By the People) you can do what ever you want.

Companies had met all of the CEC requirements and goals and were using equipment "Certified and Approved" by the CEC to offer Wind Turbine systems to home owners for \$1.00 that would actually reduce their home electric bills.

The ERP Guidebook states - A. Purpose "The goal of the ERP is to reduce the net cost of on-site renewable energy systems to end-use consumers, and thereby stimulate demand and increase sales of such systems. Increased sales are expected to encourage manufacturers, sellers, and installers to expand operations, improve distribution, and reduce system costs."

The net cost to the consumers for on-site renewable energy systems was reduced to \$1.00. This GREATLY stimulated demand and increased sales. This GREATLY encouraged manufacturers, sellers, and installers to expand operations, improve distribution, and reduce cost.

In the Calif. High Deserts we have a good supply of medium to high winds. There are hundreds of people that have homes on one-half acre and larger that are well suited for wind turbines to produce Green Energy and help off-set their electric costs. Many of them are low to very low income. ALL of these families have been paying into the ERP Fund for years and should not be disenfranchised from this program because they do not have thousands of dollars to pay for part of the system. These families would benefit the most from the ERP paying \$3.00per kW if companies can provide the systems for the rebate. This program should not be limited to the wealthy.

If 500 wind turbine systems are installed in the Morongo Basin that would mean 500 families would have reduced electric bills and "Green" energy would be produced lowering the load on the Grid. It would also mean several local Contractors and local Electricians and laborers would have work. It would put approximately \$500,000.00 back into our local economy EVERY MONTH for the next 15 to 20 years.

What more do the managers of the ERP want? This could have happened all over Calif. in a very bad economic climate and would have helped the economy of the entire state. Increased employment and sales tax would have helped the State.

From what I have read the problems started when one company that had been receiving most of the ERP rebate money started criticizing another company that was applying for the rebate funds. This one company manufactures and sells wind turbines that are very high priced and so large that they are offensive to most neighbors. I have checked into purchasing their system and it would take more than 30 years for the system to pay for itself.

I encourage the CEC to continue the ERP the way in which it was setup before all the infighting started. There is a great benefit to be gained for all of Calif.

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