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This is a comment to the transcript of : Public Workshop LEAD COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP ON RETAIL RATE AND COST ISSUES WITH RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION HEARING ROOM A 1516 NINTH STREET SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

The CEC is conducting a series of workshops in preparation for the 2012 IEP. They issue transcripts of the proceedings of each workshop. I receive these on the web and skim through them because they are very wordy and very lengthy, usually over 200 pages. I wonder who they are intended for and how many people take the trouble to read them. Certainly the general public is neither aware of them nor interested in them.

This another workshop trying to justify the state mandate that large quantities of "renewable energy" shall be used to generate commercial electricity in CA. Commercial electricity is a 24/7 reliable commodity. Unfortunately there is no way to justify using unreliable 5/7 energy to generate reliable 24/7 electricity.

Each of the workshop transcripts reinforces the folly and difficulty of trying to substitute unreliable for reliable energy. This transcript is more of the same but it introduces a new subject; the problems caused by socializing the cost of electricity by the state. As usual the CEC may ignore any presentations that don't follow the party line.

It would be nice if the presentation of Dr. Borenstein was included in the final IEP document so it could represent a summary of the effects of bad policy with respect to rate making. It would be nice if the CEC finally takes heed of what they are hearing in the workshops and adjust the 2012 IEP to tell the legislature and governor that unreliable energy sources will not solve the greenhouse gas problem, will cause great harm to electric generation in the state and will unnecessarily burden the taxpayers and ratepayers of the state.

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