



Every now and then - Revolution can be a good thing *it may be the only way to decrease future energy costs*

The recent November elections marked the beginning of a new American Revolution; Phase I, was a resounding success, control of the House of Representatives shifted and a more conservative approach will prevail. Pennsylvania also gained a strong supporter of fiscal control and ended the eight year "financial reign of terror" imposed by outgoing Governor Ed Rendell. The opportunity for change is at hand.

Phase II, should begin with the immediate repeal of Pennsylvania's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act (AEPS). Signed into law by Rendell on November 30, 2004; the act requires all electricity suppliers in Pennsylvania provide 18% of their energy from advanced energy sources

within 15 years. Basically, a mandate that will significantly increase every electric bill in the Commonwealth; increased industrial and commercial costs will trickle-down, with all costs being passed on to consumers. Consumers will pay the increase in higher prices paid for every necessity and luxury item they purchase plus PA Sales Tax and again in the form of higher electric bills.

Alternative Energy sources are expensive and are almost never stand alone systems. Solar and wind are not dependable; the sun is not always shining and the wind is intermittent, each require 100% backup or the lights go out. Redundant systems are costly and are heavily subsidized. Government grants are awarded to these industries with false promises about job creation; these industries cannot survive without grants. Corporate Welfare in its worst form!

Solar and wind are not bad ideas, but they are bad investments especially where our tax dollars are concerned. Government Grants, Stimulus Funds, etc. are all excuses for politicians to promote themselves. Free enterprise has always been the basis of how our society was founded and Capitalism made this country what it is today, or was a few short years ago. If an industry cannot exist and stand on its own, it does not deserve to exist.

The driving force behind AEPS and Act 129 has been Ed Rendell; like a Bulldog, he clamped on and refused to let go. Arrogance not adrenaline was the driving force; we simply need to observe his outrage during the "60 Minutes" [interview](#) on January 9, 2011, he believes anyone who disagrees with him to be a "Simpleton" or "idiot".

Concern was also the keyword in a joint [statement](#) issued by PUC Commissioners Robert F. Powelson and John F. Coleman, Jr. on September 16, 2010: "We are deeply concerned with forcing consumers to pay for additional solar energy at a cost that is three to four times higher than other generation sources". The Patriot-News also posted an excellent piece by Paul Chesser on December 26, 2010 "[Legislature should repeal costly renewables](#)". All cost, no benefit; it ought to be a no-brainer for Gov.-elect Tom Corbett and the General Assembly to repeal the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard."

Pennsylvania has ample natural resources necessary to supply our energy needs for many decades to come. Industry has been investing money to extract these resources without corporate welfare. Urge, no insist, that the AEPS be repealed and allow alternative energy sources to evolve as they should or become extinct.

A Revolution must start somewhere; why not here?

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