

Before considering the proposal to follow, please consider the following:

<https://medium.com/solutions-journal-summer-2014/energy-efficiency-the-secret-revolution-87076f0b6026>

If we go into the future relying on fossil fuels and nuclear power, we will face ever increasing damage to our health, our economy and the entire web of life. Toxins from these sources are ever increasingly poisoning our air, water, and soil. Ultimately, they end up in us. The present draft of CT Integrated Resource Plan points to a near future where new generating facilities will be needed and higher prices will follow if stay on our present course.

Public Act No. 08-98. AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS.

States:

[(a) It shall be the goal of the state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas in order to make an appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of reducing emissions of greenhouse gas to those levels emitted in 1990, which reduction to occur not later than January 1, 2010, and to levels ten per cent below the 1990 levels not later than January 1, 2020. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult with the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers to establish a date for the long-term regional goal of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gas by seventy-five to eighty-five percent below 2001 levels

It is beyond dispute that a planetary climate shift to a hotter world is well under way. We are not facing a Gordian Knot. The way forward is known. Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy plan already has laid out most of the way forward. Now is the time to bring forth its vision with a governmental assist.

I propose a 10 percent power transfer surcharge on sales from all non-renewable power generators that feed power to the grid, heating oil and gasoline. Funds raised are to be used exclusively for the promotion increasing energy use efficiency and renewable energy production. While details on the wise use of generated funds will take detailed planning to properly allocate, distribution to present programs under way under the Clean Energy Fund can begin immediately. A pile of LED light bulbs in supermarkets for free would be a fine start. Reducing load(demand) is the number one choice of options.

Yes, it will take work. It will involve tough choices. But the alternative to rational planning will cost more in a myriad of ways and our future beyond our control, left to chance.

Thank you for your consideration.