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Mesdames/Gentlemen:

It is imperative that energy solutions be instituted NOW! Conversations about U.S. continuing to drill for oil are simply wasting time. . .when those meager sources "dry up" we'll be back to square 1. . .go beyond this time-wasting notion and formulate a realistic plan for use of natural resources: wind, sun, to supply energy.

Solar panels should be funded (the incentive \$\$\$ have been constantly decreased, making this more and more expensive to implement). Using economies of scale they could be affordable. I have been exploring this for years and the incentive \$\$\$ have been reduced, making it impossible to buy.

Public (privately-owned) utilities should not be granted increases in rates. They are monopolies and cater to shareholders, not the public. The BPU should transfer the "slush fund" into solar rebates and actually do something to mitigate the ongoing crisis in energy supply.

After fossil fuels are depleted or totally unaffordable, WHAT THEN? Let's do the WHAT THEN NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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