

To the Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee:

I would like to address revisions to the 2007 Idaho Energy Plan. First Conservation and Demand Side Management cannot be emphasized enough. Pacific Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council has made it a top priority.

Second a robust PURPA program needs to be instituted with an innovative way to keep utilities from hating it. There needs to be a sweetener for utilities on PURPA power so they actually earn money and it's not a pass through cost. This could come in the form of a tax incentive or an allowable markup that the PUC grants.

Geothermal Energy should be a priority. We have some of it in Idaho and it's renewable.

Woody biomass should be encouraged and incentivized for heat for schools and other public buildings.

Co-generation should continue to be incentivized.

Natural gas should be used more in transportation fleet vehicles so that our dependency on foreign oil is reduced. I know Idaho is small but it would be a start.

If a robust PURPA program is used, there should be incentives for plants and factories to utilize electric heat pumps for heating and cooling purposes. A return to the all electric homes concept.

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