



# Palouse Patriot

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*Seeking truth wherever it may be found. Speaking boldly no matter the cost.*

The goal of the *Palouse Patriot* is to **win hearts and change minds** by providing a viewpoint contrary to the brainwashing of the mainstream media.

## FOUL ODOR in the WIND

This is our **ANTI COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY** issue. Finally, the TRUTH on wind is coming out. People all over are now fighting this fraud and hoax. It is the "least cost-effective" and "most inconsistent" form of commercial electricity. Wake up people! **Speak up, before it costs YOU personally.** Weekly, negative facts are exposed countering the government and media's massive campaign to sell us a "Bill of Goods," which will put the *final nail in the coffin* for this country's bankrupt ship of state. If you take our tone as negative, you are correct. We watched for three decades in California as wind farms went up and **electricity rates sky-rocketed.** Consequently, businesses using electricity fled in droves to other locales, contributing greatly to California's status as the most bankrupt state in the nation. *Americans for Tax Reform* noted, "No state is totally worthless, it can always serve as a bad example!"

If you want to know what is NICE about wind energy, look anywhere, but if you want to know the TRUTH you will have to dig a bit because the government/media complex has it well hidden. In contrast, Senator Lamar Alexander had the guts to testify that wind farms are even being built where there is NO wind. The U.S. government's goal is 20% electricity from wind by 2030. That will not happen, because as wind farms are installed, "back-up" electricity (natural gas, coal or hydro) have to

be brought on line which is known to DECREASE the percentage you get from the wind turbines. **Don't forget, wind blows only a small percentage of the time.** Of course, in the end, our government, which is expert in creative accounting practices, will count the "back-up" as part of the total wind production in order to make their 20% goal. Consider that recently the U.S. Department of Energy actually gave a Management Excellence Award to a project that was 600% over budget and 8 years late! A prime example of bureaucratic bungling and stupidity. That is their *modus operandi*. So, if you believe what the government tells you about how wind energy will solve our energy crisis, you are either extremely naive or delusional. Bear in mind the government's ethanol scam. Similarly, wind will end up providing no general benefit to the masses and become another government-sponsored LOSER.

In future issues, we will have shocking articles about other negative aspects associated with wind farms. They are unending. The "Dirty Little Secrets" we will present are not pretty. As we all have learned, government bureaucracy at every level is the "**champion of unintended consequences.**"

Disclaimer: Do not confuse our opposition to "commercial" wind energy with "residential" wind. We strongly support the right of private citizens to purchase and use residential wind turbines.

## CORRUPTION: It Just Plain Stinks

Yogi Berra said it best, "**If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.**"

Keep this in mind when considering our national ENERGY policy. Our elected representatives are rushing us into energy proposals that have been tried in Europe and **failed miserably.** Why send us in that direction? FOLLOW THE MONEY! Wind energy development is **WEALTH TRANSFER** ~ plain and simple. It is government corruption at work "Big Time" *even at the local level.*

Renewable energy is the new "religion" in Washington D.C., where President Obama has Jeffrey Imelt, CEO of General Electric, on his staff of "Energy Advisors." **An immoral conflict of interest,** if ever there was one. GE is one of the biggest players in the wind scam.

So, what's the REAL STORY behind the wind? The "main stream media" prefers promoting wind and simply ignores the problems obvious to anyone who is a "**thinker.**" There isn't a lot of that (*thinking*) going on lately. On TV, NBC, *owned by General Electric,* airs wind commercials nightly. **Jeffrey Imelt, once again.**

The stench starts in the White House and might even end up right in the middle of the beautiful Palouse Scenic Byway in Washington State. **Larry Summers,** President Obama's hand-picked Economic Advisor and mentor to tax-cheat, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, received over \$5 million from D.E. Shaw Group. They are a *hedge fund* that is a prominent investor in **First Wind,** the developer who wants to build a wind farm on the Palouse. (First Wind is under investigation by the New York State Attorney General for *allegations of falsification of*

*environmental studies and bribery of public officials, among a host of other allegations.*) Does it appear that GE and D.E. Shaw Group could be getting paybacks for supporting someone's campaign? Does this look like Halliburton all over again or Chicago politics as usual?

Many "highly educated" individuals living in the Pullman, WA area are "giddy" about commercial wind coming to the Palouse. This supports an opinion held by a lot of people. "The more *higher education* you have, the more chance for impaired ability to think logically." Or, perhaps what it might say is that those "smart folks" can look up at the fifty-story high wind turbines, sigh and think that they are actually *doing something wonderful for the world,* while they continue to drive their multiple cars, watch their plasma TVs and run all their electric gadgets.

You may think "**Corruption**" is a strong word to use in reference to renewable wind energy, but it's a perfect fit:

**1) Dishonesty.** Wind is not affordable, but it is called "cheap." **2) Degradation.** It degrades and destroys the areas where it is commercially developed; the landscape, birds and property values, etc. **3) Misrepresentation.** It is represented as solving the energy crisis, yet it blows only intermittently, not necessarily when needed. **4) Racket.** It is an EVIL SCHEME between government and billionaire developers and investors and is being done *right out in the open, before our very eyes!* Taxpayers are forced to pick up the tab, by providing wind developers with subsidies, tax exemptions and energy credits, but "We the People" are getting stuck with the resulting OUT-OF-SIGHT electric rates! You tell me, does that STINK? ~ **Carolyn Kiesz**

## Just Vote "NO"

The commissioners in Whitman County, WA will soon be voting yes or no on allowing wind farm development in the county. We have confidence that the commissioners will independently study the wind energy issues and come to the conclusion that they do not want to entangle the county in an immoral, fraudulent, greed-driven **government/corporate scam**. We will watch their votes closely and let you know who came down on what side. Please express your opinions to the commissioners. Here are their names and contact information:

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In future issues, we will discuss Washington State Initiative 937 and explain why the county should not be concerned about it. Additionally, we will explain the contradiction found in Whitman County's zoning ordinances and give a chronological expose' of planning commission meetings, which at times seemed to have a "flavor of impropriety." Specific incidents, names and quotes will be provided.

## Letter to County Planners

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was read at a recent Whitman County, WA Planning Commission meeting. It presents a palatable alternative for zoning of wind farms. County Commissioners would be very wise to consider this alternative.

Dear County Planners,

I am in support of wind energy development in Whitman County that is limited and regulated so as not to diminish or dominate the landscape. There is greater value in preserving the Palouse landscape than from permitting industrialization that would define the landscape for generations.

In recognition of the uniqueness and beauty of the Palouse landscape and its value to all citizens of Whitman County, I believe the **Palouse skyline and landscape must be protected from industrial wind energy development**. The Palouse landscape is the source of much of our well-being and happiness and defines a large part of our character. As neighboring counties become more industrialized with wind turbines, maintaining this quality of life is an asset that will be reflected in higher property values and increase the marketability of Whitman County for residential and business developments. Over a period of time equal to the life of a wind development, *more revenue and jobs will be brought to Whitman County without wind development on the Palouse*.

The industrialization of the Palouse skyline with wind turbines must be strictly regulated to well defined zones and to a limited elevation that not only protects residences from turbine hazards and noise, but also from competing with their views of the skyline.

Industrial wind turbines should be permitted only along the breaks of the Snake River. **At a minimum, an industrial wind turbine free zone must be created:**

- 1) A buffer distance around communities and towns equal to 25 times their height.
- 2) On all ridges and buttes.
- 3) On land visible from the Palouse Scenic Byway.

Permits must include bonding that would cover the cost of turbine removal in the event of abandonment by the current or future owners.

Sincerely, **Brian Bannan**, Uniontown, WA

## The GREEN Jobs LIE

Washington State has been pushing for "GREEN" jobs, those created from wind and solar developments, and green buildings. However, there is an impact on the taxpayer and on jobs. A recent Washington Policy Center report showed the following:

**1)** In virtually every school district in the state, the **"green" schools used more energy per square foot** than schools built recently without green standards. Legislators were told the green buildings would save 30 to 50% in energy costs. *This is not the case.* The Department of Ecology admitted recently that claims about energy savings were "premature."

**2)** The Washington "green" schools cost considerably more than first advertised. Legislators were told that adding green building standards to school construction would cost less than 2%. In reality, **green schools cost between 3 to 7% more**. This amounts to up to \$35 million a year in additional construction costs. And, since we know these schools don't save money in reduced energy costs, the district can't recoup the increase in construction costs.

**3)** Legislators were also told "green" schools, with their abundance of natural light and more fresh air, would lead to lower absentee rates than statewide averages. As it turns out, there is no appreciable difference between green schools and locally-designed schools. In fact, **in Spokane there are three green schools and absentee rates are slightly higher than the rest of the district as a whole.**

As for "green" jobs, many proponents, even our President, point to Spain as the worldwide leader in creation of a new "green economy" with the addition of thousands of new green jobs. However, a recent *first-of-its-kind study* done by Juan Carlos University in Madrid revealed some startling facts:

\*For every green job created by the Spanish government, 2.2 other, more traditional jobs were lost.

\*Each green megawatt installed in Spain destroyed 5.39 jobs in non-energy sectors.

\*Only one in ten green jobs created in Spain were of a permanent nature, the rest were temporary jobs in construction, fabrication and installation of new green technologies.

**\*Since 2000, Spain has spent \$774,000 to create each new green job, including subsidies of more than \$1.3 million per wind industry job.**

\*The study predicts that if our nation's subsidies to renewable producers achieve the same results ~ and the current administration has held Spain up as a model for how to subsidize renewable energy ~ **the U.S. could lose 6.6 million to 11 million jobs while creating 3 million largely temporary green jobs.**

The loss of jobs due to Spain's push to go green has proven to be one of their biggest obstacles in coming out of the worldwide economic crisis. Curious then, that there are some who see the United States involvement in a new green economy as the salvation for our economy? Spain has *"been there, done that"* and their experience is glaring evidence that the United States needs to slow down and consider the consequences of embracing a new, unproven green economy very carefully.

Is this the direction we as a state (WA) and a nation should be heading? Should we be spending taxpayer dollars on subsidizing green energy and bear the brunt of further job losses at a time when unemployment rates are near record highs? Or should we be spending our money and our efforts in ways that reduce regulatory burdens and create jobs for our hardworking families?

~ **Larry Crouse, WA State Rep, 4th District**



The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

Proverbs 12:22

**Thank you for supporting this publication. Together we CAN make a difference.**

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