



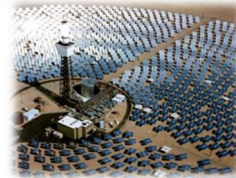
Impeding Green Energy?

(Unintended consequences of Central Government Control)

There are many reasons to limit the size and scope of government. One very important motivation is the need to react to the ever changing world.



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- ❖ The Federal government is setting goals “*federal renewable energy and transmission goals and targets*” for 20,000 megawatts of energy production on public land. They will push for power plants and transmission lines to do this, even though this may be a dead end technology. Just like central hardwired phone systems, instead of distributed cell tower connected communications, large organizations like the government, have a hard time adapting.
- ❖ *California example* - In the last five years there has been an explosion in small local installations on rooftops and above parking lots, but this reality does not fit in the Federal goals. The result is continued state planning for utility-scale plants in the desert (*6,030 page Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan*), even though roof top installations could meet the actual energy goals.



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- ? Did government regulations mandating *mercury filled CFLs* (*The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007*), slow development of the safer LED light?
- ? Do government regulations ever keep pace with the changes around us?

If we really want to address climate change - the government should stay out of the picture and let free market solutions solve the energy problem.

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