

Schrepel, Eric

From: Jenkins, Kris
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2004 2:12 PM
To: Schrepel, Eric
Subject: FW: R.E. Attn: Mark Walker

Another 2004-02 comment.

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From: Mary Hamilton
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2004 9:55 AM
To: Jenkins, Kris
Subject: R.E. Attn: Mark Walker

Dear Mark,

I've been in the R.E.(renewable energy) business in Montana for ten years. We've done the largest Montana solar electric, largest Montana solar hot water, several small wind turbines and many many small hydros from 100 watt to 500KW. We've installed the largest residential Sunslate in the US and worked in nine western states. Some of these projects would not be out there as attractive examples of what can be done if it weren't for the USBC funds, the loan programs and the tax incentives that are in place. These are extremely small incentive programs in comparison to the subsidies that the dirty oil, nuclear and even large wind have been given and are in many cases continuing to be given. What I've learned is that R.E. really does work, that it is magical, that it is a win/win for everyone. It creates jobs that cannot be outsourced. It doesn't make anyone mad at you. It is good for the environment. It gives the antiquated U.S. grid longevity by distributing generation. It has good longevity itself. It is locally tailored for the available resources. It is terrorism safe. It is safe to work around. It is extremely reliable. It is aesthetically pleasing. It is politically correct in that 90% of Americans support it. It has few bureaucratic hoops to go through simply because it is so inoffensive. The solar has the advantage of being "time of day" which basically makes it cost effective now. Small is beautiful! Please support R.E. It is the only real hope for solving all of the problems of the world especially the one that is going to get us, global warming.

Thank You for your consideration.

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