

Global Facts

- a. Germany has recently decided to reduce its wind subsidies.
- b. Opposition to "wind farms" is growing in the UK and, finally, in the US as more people understand the implications.
- c. The Danish with their high dependence on wind energy have the world's highest residential electric prices (more than twice the US -- and even higher than Germany and Japan), have cut subsidies for wind, and have created problems (and the need to spend money to upgrade the Scandinavian grid -- Nordel) because of excessive reliance on wind energy.
- d. GE's monster turbines still produce small amounts of electricity and that electricity from wind has less value than wind from reliable sources (wind being intermittent, highly variable, and largely unpredictable and uncontrollable).
- e. Because of generous federal and state subsidies in the US, "wind farm" owners are make HUGE profits at the expense of electric customers and taxpayers.
- f. Contrary to wind industry claims, "wind farms" do not provide great economic benefits for states hosting them. Instead, they raise costs for electric customers, give tiny amounts to landowners, and ship large dollars to out-of-state "wind farm" owners.
- g. The wind industry (with support from DOE and NREL) consistently overstate the environmental benefits of wind energy and understate the adverse environmental, ecological, scenic and property value impacts.
- h. The line about 'There's enough wind power potential from North Dakota to Texas to feed the entire U.S.' is pure malarkey because the transmission capacity isn't available to move the electricity to where it is needed, wind energy uses transmission capacity inefficiently, and would not justify the costs of adding capacity. Furthermore, the electricity wouldn't be competitive when it arrived in distant markets.
- i. Utilities in the US who are signing up to buy electricity from "wind farms" to polish their environmental image and please politicians and regulators are ignoring the adverse environmental, ecological, scenic and property value impacts of the "wind farms."