

I would like to address the following comment Tom Bialek made in the chat comments of today's session. Tom wrote:

"Also need to ensure that the program engages and educates the NIMBY/BANANA/CAVE stakeholders."

Does this disparaging of concerned and educated taxpayer/ratepayer stakeholders reflect this committee's attitude? Who is really responsible for creating "equity" in this "deploy, deploy, deploy" energy transition? Respecting, including, and listening to the voices of educated citizen stakeholders might actually yield far better results than disrespecting and marginalizing them. After all, they're most likely the ones living in the "remote" industrial wind/solar plants and being forced to "host" private, speculative transmission lines and have researched and observed some of the TRUE costs to "remote" communities, non-renewable prime farmland, and the "remote" wildlife and environment.

"Equity must be at the forefront of energy transition across all domains."