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Evidence screams “NO!”**

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- If we want to reduce emissions, eliminate garbage and biomass from definition of “renewable.”
- If we want to reduce emissions, eliminate funding for burning schemes.

**What does the Clean Power Plan do to shut down coal plants?** Minnesota’s largest coal plant, Sherco 3, 884 MW, owned by Xcel and SMMPA, had a turbine break up and was down for 22 months. Twenty two months, and we got along fine without it. But now we are paying over \$200 million for repair of this coal plant, now back online. Costs not covered by insurance and costs of replacement power are now being put into the “Fuel Clause Adjustment.”

- If we want to reduce emissions, why rebuild this one and charge Minnesota ratepayers?
- If we want to reduce emissions, why allow this rebuild and start a hue and cry to shut down Sherco Units 1 and 2?

**What does the Clean Power Plan do to assure that transmission isn’t used as a shell game to burn coal and ship to places where coal could no longer be burned?** There’s a surplus of generation across the U.S. (except in Texas). Over the last 20 years, there’s been a massive build-out of transmission for bulk power transfer, transmission for coal, from west eastward.

- If we want to reduce emissions, prohibit the “offset” shell-game.
- If we want to reduce emissions, prohibit bulk power transfers of coal generation.
- If we want to reduce emissions, prohibit construction of transmission as revenue stream.
- If we want to reduce emissions, prohibit sale of transmission service as revenue stream.

**What does the Clean Power Plan do to assure that natural gas is not “bridge fuel” bringing with it tremendous flaring releases and water contamination, directly and through support processes?** Natural gas is not “clean.” Natural gas drilling and fracking produces significant gas releases, flaring, and water contamination in the fracking process, injection of gas wastes, and silica sand mining.

- If we want to reduce emissions, we must stop fracking.

**What does the Clean Power Plan do to reduce energy use for heat?** In Minnesota, a major use of natural gas, electricity, and propane is for heat.

- If we want to reduce energy use for heat, where is the solar heater program to put at least one cheap solar heater panel on a south wall of each building in Minnesota?
- If we want to reduce energy use for heat, where is the jobs program to teach workers to build and install solar heater panels?

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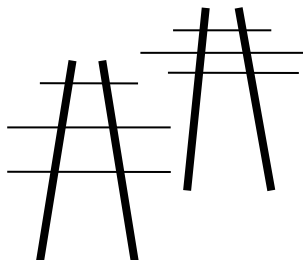
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