

Joy and Patrick,

I've read a goodly amount of the report and the Community Solar section in detail. I cannot find any issues with any of it! Not even typos, grammatical vagaries or the like!

This makes a strong case for enabling legislation and then sound regulation to follow.

A macro issue, which you identify in your report in the microgrid section, is one we're running into with our onboarding solar for the DNR and also a recent municipal project that appears all but stalled.

"Premises"!

That—what 1939?—law needs to get an overhaul. Premises, or parcels, or properties, all a muddle. Many properties are made up of parcels, as you know. Utility law says you cannot cross a premise (often interpreted as a parcel) let alone a site determined to be a distinct property.

What this means is this: we will struggle to locate solar on marginal lands because many of these do not have any economic activity happening on them now and they are distinct properties.

Putting solar on a former landfill and then running the power to an adjacent industrial park or further away to a public institution will not legally work today. We just had a client have a conversation with the incumbent utility to locate a (community) solar project on a Superfund site and then use that electricity to power a zoo (a zoo!) across the street. The utility shot it dead. So much for the pygmy hippo!

And, so much for our communities to have the right and wherewithal to turn a 20th-century liability into a 21st century source of clean, renewable energy.

But I yak on . . .

So, great work, again on the report. I hope, hope, hope it will move the needle on our collective work.

Thanks again for including MEO.

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