

DID YOU KNOW?

Wind power is expensive: it sells for twice as much as ordinary electricity, and would not sell at all except that power companies are required by law to buy it.

Wind power is inefficient: worldwide, wind generators operate at about 25% of capacity. We are building enormous machines which produce very little.

Wind power is unreliable: it produces electricity only when the wind blows! And that is not necessarily when you need it.

Wind power will do nothing to ease the oil shortage: most electricity which is not produced by water or nuclear power is produced by coal. There is no shortage of coal. The big consumers of oil are cars, trucks and planes.

Wind power will do little or nothing to ease pollution or global warming: the small amount of electricity which is produced by wind will not replace that generated by coal. The money would be better spent on finding ways to reduce pollution by coal.

Vermont is already one of the cleanest states: Vermont derives less than 17% of its electricity from coal or other polluting fuels. Other states are exporting their problems to us, financing their excesses by trying to destroy our mountain tops.

WHO BENEFITS?

Answer: the power companies, which are supported by huge government subsidies—otherwise they would not build these enormously expensive and wasteful machines.

AND YOU, THE TAXPAYER, ARE FOOTING THE BILL!

For more information, see “A Problem with Wind Power,” at www.aweo.org