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**Subject:** CLEAN HEAT STANDARD - PUBLIC COMMENT ...

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To Whom It May Concern,

I've been listening to the pushback on the CHS, from the PUC, on VPR. **Thank you for that pushback!**

I think the creation of an electricity energy monopoly is no different than the creation of any other monopoly and will likely, ultimately, lead to sky-high electricity bills for everyone.

I purchased 13 solar panels in a solar farm many years ago, and my electricity costs have only gone up over the years since then, from initial credits to niggling little bills, most months. I bought 2 more panels in the farm a couple of years ago and then worked last year to reduce my electricity usage, finally getting my bills down to zero towards the end of the year. Then, in January, I got hit with “non-bypassable charges” to the tune of \$40+/month. And GMP only keeps seeking to raise rates.

**Something like 70% of Vermonters heat wholly or partially with oil or propane, right? Whatever you do will impact the majority of Vermonters. Why add a fee to those fuels and punish people who are just trying to survive a VT winter?**

Since short-term rentals are a big problem for the state, reducing housing stock, why not add a fee or tax there? Why not tax out-of-staters who can afford to travel to and vacation in VT and who are reducing our housing stock?

That being said, I wish everyone would look up “Air and Rain” by Robert Angus Smith on Google Books (free to read and download) and learn what they knew about CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere back in the early 1800s—that CO<sub>2</sub> varies over the course of the day, between seasons, depending on the geography, and that there is a reduction of levels every time it rains or even if the soil is just moist. It does not form some even blanket over the earth. On top of that, the average levels in the atmosphere currently are still minuscule, around .04%! The book provides pages and pages and pages and pages of measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere in all kinds of locations at all times of the year. And the amounts range WIDELY—most being HIGHER than what we are measuring now.

When John Kerry stated in Jakarta in 2014 that CO<sub>2</sub> formed a thermal blanket around the planet way up at the edge of the atmosphere, he was either totally lying or utterly clueless.

Finally, I think carbon capture schemes are going to be the biggest opportunity for fraud that this planet has ever seen. And as you may have already gathered, I think the carbon emissions narrative = more extreme weather equation is already fraudulent.

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