

## Show the data!

I am addressing the “More than a Partisan Issue” letter published September 23. In it, a resident of Moseley, VA (located southwest of Richmond) makes the claim that “Solar energy is now the lowest cost energy source available.”

If true, a revolutionary claim! I invite the resident of Moseley to submit the study or other documentation supporting such a claim. I am sure the State Corporation Commission is interested. The Commission has estimated the cost of the Virginia legislature's solar and wind mandates at \$800.00 annually for the average Virginia consumer.

By the way, please don't refer to poll results or surveys that exclude costs while focusing on the benefits. A credible study includes, for example, adjustments for cloudy days, government subsidies, battery and disposal costs. In other words, it refers to more than the wishes, intents or goals of the renewable energy crowd.

Of course, there is wide spread support for the concepts of clean energy and private property. The real question is government mandates irrespective of cost, such as passed by the Virginia legislature last year.

Incidentally, I wonder if the resident of Moseley knows of the Rappahannock Record report (July 8<sup>th</sup>) that “nearly 80%” of the land proposed for the Merry Point Solar and Energy facility is owned by Hancock Natural Resource Group, based in Boston, MA. We now know where a major portion of the \$800.00 annual increase in electricity cost is going!

It is also noted that Dominion Energy does not pay “taxes” to the county. It simply is a pass-through of a pro-rata share of their costs, to be paid for by the money extracted from local residents.

To return to a balanced and reliable electric supply we need to consider a repeal of the legislature's energy cost mandates.

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