

# Analysis of Exelon Public Statements on the “Next Generation Energy Plan” Legislation, Amendment to SB.1585

Text of Exelon Claims::	Comments:
With competing legislation, nuclear plants on the brink of closure, a lack of funding for solar energy development, and the potential for the electrical grid to become unreliable, Illinois’ clean energy future is at a crossroads right now in Springfield.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If there is a lack of funding for solar, one need look no further than Exelon as the CAUSE of this problem, for blocking the fixing of the Illinois RPS for 4 years</li> <li>2. There is ALWAYS a “potential” for the grid to become unreliable. It has nothing to do with a.) more renewables, or b.) fewer nukes, as the Report on HR1146 stated.</li> </ol>
Fortunately, as a result of discussions between Exelon Generation, ComEd, the Clean Jobs Coalition, and other key stakeholders, the Next Generation Energy Plan (NGEP) was announced today in Springfield	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Misleading statement, linking the “effect” –the announcement—with an erroneous “cause” – the discussions. No agreement was reached among the parties in the “discussions,” therefore they are not a positive cause.</li> </ol>
This legislation comes with strong bipartisan, labor, and community support that would drive Illinois’ clean energy future while saving and creating jobs and strengthening the state’s economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More jobs would be created by the Clean Jobs Bill</li> <li>2. How many jobs in the EE/RE sector – which employs &gt;114,000 people in Illinois – will be LOST or not materialize if Exelon gets its nuclear bailout?</li> </ol>
The NGEP – which reflects the best of all three bills introduced by Exelon Generation, ComEd, and the Clean Jobs Coalition in 2015....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Says WHO? The Clean Jobs Coalition was not directly involved with the crafting of the language for the Exelon NGEP. It does not endorse this legislation.</li> <li>2. It does NOT reflect the best of all three bills, because the best of the CJC is eliminated from Exelon’s plans.</li> </ol>
...will create jobs, deliver clean energy, jumpstart solar development, strengthen and expand the Renewable Portfolio Standard, provide for \$1 billion in low-income assistance, and help secure the future of Illinois’ nuclear plants.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CJC will create MORE jobs, better distributed among more areas of the state.</li> <li>2. Solar development has been OBSTRUCTED AND IMPEDED by Exelon for 4 years; it would be better “jumpstarted” by fixing the RPS, and expanding it and the EERS to the standards found in the CJB.</li> </ol>
Nearly double energy efficiency programs to create <b>\$4.1 billion in energy savings</b> , or the equivalent of taking <b>18 million cars off the road.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Good progress in this area</li> <li>2. CJB produces similar results</li> </ol>
<b>Provide \$1 billion</b> of funding for low-income assistance, mostly through energy efficiency.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commendable; keep it up, even if SB.1585 is defeated</li> </ol>
Jumpstart solar energy in Illinois with rebates and more than <b>\$140 million per year</b> in new funding for solar development.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Solar would not NEED a jumpstart if Exelon had not deliberately OBSTRUCTED the RPS fix for the past 4 years. This is known as a “self-fulfilling prophecy.”</li> <li>2. The CJB will provide more solar of a better quality, and with more economic diversity.</li> </ol>
Enhance the <b>reliability and security</b> of the power grid.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This can and should be done anytime; and is done reliably elsewhere where a larger percentage of renewables are on the grid.</li> <li>2. FERC will NOT tolerate grid instability with the closure of Clinton and Quad Cities; these closures will be done methodically over time, without risk to the grid reliability.</li> <li>3. The Illinois Power Agency states in the HR1146 Report of January, 2015: “...there may not be sufficient concern regarding reliability and capacity to warrant the institution of new Illinois specific market-based solutions to</li> </ol>

	prevent premature closure of nuclear plants.” p. 73; see pages 71-73 for more detail
<b>Introduce a Zero Emission Standard</b> , keeping the state’s at-risk, zero-carbon nuclear facilities operating, saving 4,200 jobs, preventing large increases in electric rates, preserving over \$1.2 billion in economic activity annually, and preventing a dramatic increase in carbon emissions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We do not NEED their “zero-emission standard” to meet the EPA carbon target.</li> <li>2. In calling for the creation of HR1146, Exelon claimed it had 5,300 workers at ALL 11 operating reactors in IL; then the Nuclear Energy Institute of Oct. 2014 claimed that 1,437 direct and 1,098 indirect jobs would be lost – for a total of 2535 total jobs - if Clinton and Quad Cities were to close. Now Exelon says 4,200 jobs would be lost, while EXELON’S WEBSITE states that Clinton and Quad Cities employs 1,493 people. CAN ANYBODY COUNT AT EXELON? In the Legislature?</li> </ol>
Reduce the fixed customer charge for energy delivery by 50% and create equitable rates, <b>giving customers more control over their bills.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No consumer organization believes this claim; nor do they endorse the demand charge concept</li> <li>2. Jon Wellinghoff, former chairman of FERC, disputes this claim, and opposes the demand charge</li> </ol>
<b>Strengthen and expand the Renewable Portfolio Standard</b> to provide stable, predictable funding for renewable development.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CJB does this, and does it better.</li> </ol>
<b>Create thousands of new clean energy jobs</b> through energy efficiency programs, energy innovation, and renewable energy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Again – the CJB will create many more times the number of jobs, according to two separate analyses done by CUB and UCS in 2015.</li> </ol>
<b>Second Exelon E-Mail Ad Blast</b>	
It was announced today that if the Next Generation Energy Plan does not pass by May 31 – the end of Illinois’ spring legislative session – the Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear power plants will be shut down on June 1, 2017, and June 1, 2018, respectively.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time Exelon has threatened the Legislature, using the closure of nuclear plants as the extortive premise for their bailout.</li> <li>2. If they close – SO WHAT? That’s EXELON’S decision, not the Legislatures. They created that business model; live with it.</li> <li>3. Exelon also stated that Quad Cities would need to be included in and clear the PJM auction to stay open. It failed to do so. The Legislature does not need to consider “bailing out” QC anymore, since Exelon’s market decision has made the choice for them.</li> </ol>

FIRST "NUCLEAR POWER MATTERS" E-MAIL/AD:



Dear Jon,

With competing legislation, nuclear plants on the brink of closure, a lack of funding for solar energy development, and the potential for the electrical grid to become unreliable, Illinois' clean energy future is at a crossroads right now in Springfield.

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The NGEP – which reflects the best of all three bills introduced by Exelon Generation, ComEd, and the Clean Jobs Coalition in 2015 – will create jobs, deliver clean energy, jumpstart solar development, strengthen and expand the Renewable Portfolio Standard, provide for \$1 billion in low-income assistance, and help secure the future of Illinois' nuclear plants.

Specifically, the NGEP will boost Illinois' economy and enhance the reliability and security of our energy infrastructure. ***It will:***



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With all of these benefits, it is no wonder that such a wide variety of groups have come out in support of this bipartisan solution to help strengthen our economy.

To join the movement, [tell your elected officials to support the NGEF](#), and follow us on Facebook and Twitter

SECOND "NUCLEAR POWER MATTERS" AD/E-MAIL:

Dear Beverley,

Yesterday, we shared information with you about the Next Generation Energy Plan (NGEP), new legislation in Illinois that would create jobs, deliver clean energy, jumpstart solar development, strengthen and expand the Renewable Portfolio Standard, provide for \$1 billion in low-income assistance, and help secure the future of Illinois' nuclear plants. Thank you to the many that have already written to their legislators, urging them to vote YES on the bill. If you haven't already done so, please use this simple tool to identify and contact them today.

**It was announced today that if the Next Generation Energy Plan does not pass by May 31 – the end of Illinois' spring legislative session – the Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear power plants will be shut down on June 1, 2017, and June 1, 2018, respectively. (The Quad Cities closure would also be contingent up on the plant not clearing the 2019-2020 PJM capacity auction, results of which will be announced May 24, 2016.)**

These plants each have many years of useful life remaining for safe, reliable and carbon-free operations, but the economics resulting from existing policies have made them unprofitable.

Legislation is urgently needed to save these plants and avoid lost jobs, economic activity and increased carbon emissions in our state.

Join the movement. Visit [NuclearPowersIllinois.com](http://NuclearPowersIllinois.com) and tell your elected officials to support the NGEP, then follow us on Facebook and Twitter at [facebook.com/NextGenEnergyIL](https://facebook.com/NextGenEnergyIL) and [twitter.com/NextGenEnergyIL](https://twitter.com/NextGenEnergyIL).

Thank you for your continued support.