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Subject: New Web Recommendation - Recommendations regarding Public information on Solar initiatives in NC

Clerk's Office
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Hi,

As a Heating contractor who designed and built a solar home in North Carolina and have continuously lived in it for 30 years I have had a fair share of exposure to the merits of solar in our state.

As the debate on the viability of solar in our state has populated the media I have continued to question why Solar farms in our state are not displaying live monitors, on-line, to demonstrate instantaneous output as well as cumulative and average output. These monitors should demonstrate the true costs of that solar production accounting for life cycle of equipment, salaries, added transmission and distribution costs as well as government costs in terms of subsidies and regulatory overhead costs.

I think if the public could see how alternate renewables fit into the overall power production grid they could better understand the need to develop these sources.

I am concerned that the public has become so jaded with false claims by all parties regarding both the virtues and disadvantage of Solar and Wind power production that they are unable to make reasonable conclusions on their merits.

I noticed that several years ago I was able to find a few solar farms with live on-line monitors. They were not all working properly then. I am unable to find any north Carolina farms on line today.

Have I simply missed them or do they actually exist?

Could you list those web site addresses with on- line monitors? It would be a good idea to link those on your new web site.

I would appreciate a response if possible.

Best Regards
Lee

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