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Public Comment:

Reducing funding for this program at this time is in my mind unwise and extremely short sighted. We are on the brink of unprecedented changes in how we power our culture and to suspend or reduce funding that is aimed at systemic change makes no sense. If the current situation in the Mideast is taken into consideration it makes even less sense. Either the US or Israel is going to have to respond directly to a nuclear Iran, it's only a matter of when. The Arab nations in the area are going to be in a untenable situation otherwise having to submit to a nuclear bully for a neighbor, they won't have a choice. Either way, whether the US or Israel responds energy prices are going to spike making the last crisis look like a blip on the radar screen. In light of this we need to be vigilant in our own self interest and encourage cultural systemic change and this is what the current program is aimed at. I would lobby for not only keeping the current levels of funding but to drastically increase the incentives available to promote and encourage the behaviors and actions necessary to provide for long term, sustainable and local power generation capacity.

We are suffering from chronic cultural inertia that is sweeping us forward into deeper waters all the time. We need to purposefully change direction and by expanding funding for this program through a few mil's on the rate for all, all will benefit.

Let's start thinking further than next year on this issue. Let's start to think of creating a new distributed, regional/local energy economy to pave the way for our future. Let's start leading rather than reacting.

Regards,
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