



# Nuclear Energy Information Service

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## ILLINOIS NUCLEAR ISSUES

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### I. Our positions:

1. EXELON is not a co-negotiating partner – they are an **OBSTRUCTIONIST ENTITY**
  - They *sabotaged the RPS fix repeatedly* the past 4 years
  - They *established/supported anti-renewable energy front groups*, whose agenda is to thwart RE and bailout out uneconomic reactors
  - They *interfered with and blocked a promising negotiation* between the Clean Jobs Coalition and ComEd, something desired by legislators esp Leadership; with local jobs implications for legislators, esp the Black and Latino Caucuses
  - Their merger with PEPCo was rejected several times by the D.C. PSC and local officials largely because Exelon was perceived as *inherently and fundamentally anti-renewable energy*
  
2. Nuclear is NOT clean or green
  - No nuclear plant ever built was built with *the intention* of reducing carbon inputs into the atmosphere; therefore, this “benefit” is an accident of timing, not utility intentionality deserving reward or compensation, coming long after the fact.
  - By logical extension, if we are to reward energy resources after the fact for perceived societal benefits, we must also reward EE/RE for the long term societal benefits of not producing costly and hazardous radioactive waste; more contamination from uranium mines during operation and after closure; and for not contributing to increased national security threat from nuclear terrorism and proliferation of materials, expertise, technology and weapons.
  
3. Too many nuclear liabilities need to be fixed before bailing out old reactors:
  - Establishment of a “just-transitions” program for all reactor communities, to plan for the inevitable closure of the reactors by any cause – license expiration, NRC mandate, nuclear disasters, Exelon decision to close them.
  - State statutes must be amended, appended and strengthened to deal with deficiencies in decommissioning regulations now that Exelon is threatening reactor closures.
  
4. Fixing the RPS *first* lessens the impact of reactor closure for any reason; is a greater job producer; and does not trade more plutonium for less carbon in dealing with the climate carbon targets.
  
5. What are and have been the negative impacts on Illinois *caused by Exelon's obstruction of fixing the RPS* for the past 4-5 years? We need the Legislature to study this effect, just like HR1146 studied the negative effects of reactor closures.

### II. Detailed discussion is needed about:

- A. Exelon itself as a utility
- B. the Exelon anachronistic "business model"
- C. "just transitions" for reactor communities dealing with inevitable reactor closures
- D. needed changes in State decommissioning laws and statutes