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Comments: I think the idea of "interconnection of consumer generation" a poor idea from a macro and micro economic perspective.

First, consumers would be penalized for efforts to produce their own electricity by being required to adhere to new, more expensive industrial standards. There are to date, no concrete examples of where consumer generation and interconnectivity to the power grid produces problems.

Second, one purpose of the PURPA law was to allow consumers to be self sufficient. Such self sufficiency should not be burdensome to the extent that the average household could not - without extraordinary burden and expense - produce enough electricity to assume some modicum of self reliance.

The power grid now often times is at a point of great unreliability, particularly during times of inclement weather. For example, during winter storm weather conditions (extreme low temperatures, ice and snow), power grids often fail from ice load. Consumers now have the ability to provide for their own electricity generation needs by purchasing any variety or brands of electricity power generators to meet their needs during such times. As well, during times of increased demand, such as in summer, brown-outs or other problems with the delivery of electrical power can be commonplace.

If consumers are unnecessarily burdened with costs of meeting industrial standards, they will likely forego such equipment that may provide electricity for healthcare equipment for those with healthcare problems.

Third, from a governmental perspective, it truly seems to be a confiscatory effort - if there is any rationale for taking such production, and then "averaging" it into the overall power grid.

If incentives are removed, there are frequently no reasons to produce. Thus, from an economic and business perspective, "interconnection of consumer generation" becomes a dis-incentive.

From a broad business perspective, there remains little incentive for entrepreneurs to create devices that meet the needs of consumers, when TVA cannot meet them.

Self sufficiency and independence remain the hallmarks of the American people. And to the extent that people are burdened unnecessarily with regulations, they are harnessed with inefficiency.

TVA should not burden their residential customers. Instead, they should be making access easier and less costly.

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