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How to Increase the Risks of Blackouts

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Politicians are continually increasing the risks of electricity blackouts with their dangerous climate policies. It is foolish in the extreme to believe that humans can change the future climate by collecting carbon taxes and covering the hills with wind turbines.

We should ask them: which is worse - gradual man-made global warming or sudden electricity blackout?

Alarmists try to scare us by claiming that man's activities are causing global warming. Whether and when we may see new man-made warming is disputed and uncertain. If it does appear, the world will be slightly warmer, with more evaporation and rainfall; plants will grow better and colonise some areas currently too cold or too dry; fewer old people will die in winter and sea levels may continue the gradual rise we have seen since the end of the last ice age. There may even be a bit more "green" in Greenland. There is no evidence that man's production of carbon dioxide is causing more extreme weather events. Any change caused by man will be gradual and there will be plenty of time to adapt, as humans have always done. Most people will hardly notice it.

What is certain, however, is that global warming policies are greatly increasing the chances of electricity blackouts, and here the effects can be predicted confidently - they will be sudden and severe.

Localised short-term blackouts can be caused by sudden failure of supply caused by cyclones, storms, fires, floods, accidents, equipment failure or overloading. People will cope with them. The more widespread blackouts, caused for example by network collapse or insufficient generating capacity, will have severe effects.

All modern human activities are heavily dependent on electricity. Blackouts will stop lifts, trains, traffic lights, tools, appliances, factories, mines, refineries, communications and pumps for fuel, water and sewerage. People will be trapped or stranded in trains, ports, airports, lifts, hotels, hospitals and traffic jams. ATM's, credit cards and supermarket checkouts will not work. Cash, cheques, IOU's and pocket calculators will be required to buy anything.

Immediately a blackout occurs, those with emergency generators, fuel or batteries will start using them.

But within a very few days, batteries will run flat, emergency fuel supplies will be exhausted, food supplies will disappear from stores and pumped water will not be available. Intensive dairies, hatcheries, piggeries and feedlots will all face critical problems in keeping their animals alive and cared for.

If the blackout is extensive and prolonged, looting will infect the big cities and then spread to country areas. People who are old, sick, incapacitated or alone will be forgotten as able-bodied people focus on feeding and protecting their own.

The real threat to humanity today is not the theoretical dangers from gradual man-made global warming. A far bigger real danger is the growing threat to reliable electricity supplies from deep-green climate policies.

The most reliable electricity supplies come from coal, gas, hydro, nuclear, geothermal or oil. Misguided politicians and uncompromising nature are conspiring to ensure that few of these will be available to generate Australia's future electricity.

The carbon tax and renewable energy targets threaten the financial viability of using coal, gas or oil to generate electricity. Banks and investors will not risk their capital on new carbon-powered stations dependent on an unstable and polarised political environment. And the declining profitability of existing stations under the carbon tax and mandated market sharing makes it risky and uneconomic to spend money maintaining existing aging stations.

The same green zealots who plot to destroy carbon energy will also work to prevent the construction of new nuclear or hydro plants in Australia. And Australia's geothermal resources, being generally deep and remote, are unlikely to provide significant electricity for decades.

We are thus being forced to rely on fickle breezes and peek-a-boo sunbeams to generate expensive and intermittent electricity. And it will not be economic to continue building backup gas plants that are run below capacity or sit idle, earning insufficient income as they try to fill the unpredictable production gaps in the supply of green energy. The margin of supply safety will disappear.

Therefore, if we continue to allow green zealots to dictate our electricity generation, blackouts are inevitable. Britain and Germany already face this grim prospect.

All actions have consequences. We cannot continue pouring billions of dollars of community savings down the climate-change sink-hole, without starving our essential infrastructure. We cannot keep adding taxes and political risk to traditional electricity generators without reducing new investment in real base-load generating capacity. And we cannot keep adding unstable solar and wind elements to our electricity network without adding greatly to electricity costs and the risks of network failure.

When the lights fail, and the supermarket shelves are cleaned out, we will return, at great cost and after much misery, to cheap reliable continuous electricity using coal, gas or nuclear fuels.

Gaia worshippers will find that "Earth Hour" will not be such fun when it becomes "Earth Week".

Disclosure: Viv Forbes has no vested interest in electricity generation, except as a consumer. And he gets no funds from the government Climate Change Industry. He holds shares in a small Australian coal exploration company which will benefit by exporting coal if expensive unreliable electricity in Australia forces more power-using industries overseas.

More Reading for those interested:

A real story of life in a Megacity during an extended Blackout:

<http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/living-the-green-dream-in-megacity.pdf>

What Happens during a Blackout – an assessment of the consequences of a prolonged and wide-ranging Power Outage in Germany:

<http://carbon-sense.com/2013/03/30/blackout-dangers-in-germany/>

Germany facing Blackouts:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/9609777/Germany-facing-power-blackouts.html>

Rolling Blackouts loom in UK:

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/energy_and_environment/article1206396.ece

Rolling Blackouts force Texas to Import Power from Mexico:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/christopherhelman/2011/02/03/rolling-blackouts-force-texas-to-import-power-from-mexico/>

Wind Power fails Britain:

<http://carbon-sense.com/2011/10/21/wind-power-fails-britain/>

Why Wind Won't Work:

<http://carbon-sense.com/2011/02/08/why-wind-wont-work/>

It's the cold, not global warming, that is the danger:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/elderhealth/9959856/its-the-cold-not-global-warming-that-we-should-be-worried-about.html>

A Lesson on Renewable Energy from a Canny Scot:

<http://carbon-sense.com/2011/12/01/miller-to-salmond-letter/>

Wind Farm Performance:

<http://stopthesethings.com/2013/03/29/the-wind-industrys-lies-dissected/>

Pray for Green Britain this Easter

We in Coal Country should pray for Britons who have just two days of imported gas supplies, wind turbines becalmed, snow falling and four reliable coal-fired power stations being prematurely closed in case they cause global warming.

When blackouts come to green-powered Britain, people will yearn for any sort of warming.

Viv Forbes



Spring 2013 in Manitoba in the Era of Global Warming

(artist unknown)

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More: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/story/2013/04/09/mb-cold-spring-windchill-winnipeg.html>

Curbing the GW Virus?

A virulent virus is being spread at international climate conferences.

Called the GW Virus (short for Manmade Global Warming Virus), the symptoms are a psychotic fear of the word "carbon", a compulsion to blame man's industry for every bad weather event, an urge to weave a warm bias into every weather report and forecast, and a morbid fascination with windmills.

The GW virus was first identified in the British Parliament in 1988 and spread quickly to the vulnerable BBC. It is an airborne virus and was soon spread by junketing politicians to NASA and the UN, thence to an Earth Conference in Rio in 1992, and then to Kyoto in 1997. The infection peaked in Copenhagen in 2009, when thousands of politicians, academics, officials and reporters became feverish.

Because of its isolation, Australia had not developed immunity to this virus, and it quickly took root in the ABC, thoroughly infected many politicians especially the governing ALP/Greens coalition, and then spread via government grant meetings to the CSIRO and every University in the land.

In Australia, incurable cases are sent to an isolation ward called the Climate Commission, headed by chronic MGW sufferer, Tim Flannery. Like vultures perched on a dead tree, these dedicated doomsters see droughts and heat waves in every weather event, even when large areas of the country are suffering floods and unseasonal cold.

The only protection against the GW virus is immunisation with a shot of climate history vaccine. This helps "at risk" alarmists to accept that there is nothing new about fires, floods, droughts, cyclones, heat waves, snow storms or variations in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

To curb the further spread of this virulent and destructive virus, infected sufferers must be banned from climate conferences and all infected politicians must be quarantined in their offices.

Growing old waiting for global warming

"I've grown old waiting for the promised global warming. I was 35 when predictions of a looming ice age were supplanted by warm-mongering. Now I'm 68, and there's still no sign of warmer weather. It's enough to make one doubt the "settled science" of the government-funded doom-sayers."

Harry Binswanger

Read More:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/harrybinswanger/2013/04/03/global-warming-was-it-just-a-beautiful-dream-after-all/>
http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2013/04/04/the_end_of_an_illusion_117795.html

Agenda 21

"Those pushing Agenda 21 deliberately seek to trash traditional Australian values, remove private property rights, destroy Australian sovereignty, independence and prosperity, while at the same time deliberately preventing Australians from making an informed democratic choice."

Graham Williamson

Read More on Agenda:

<http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/agenda-21-in-brief.pdf>

For a discussion on the dangers of locking up the land see:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/01/20/australias-alien-environment-fuels-firestorms/>

The Last Word

Vale, Margaret Thatcher.

Maybe the First Prominent Climate Alarmist to recant and become a Sceptic.

"Pouring scorn on the "doomsters", she questioned the main scientific assumptions used to drive the scare, from the conviction that the chief force shaping world climate is CO2, rather than natural factors such as solar activity, to exaggerated claims about rising sea levels. She mocked Al Gore and the futility of "costly and economically damaging" schemes to reduce CO2 emissions. She cited the 2.5C rise in temperatures during the Medieval Warm Period as having had almost entirely beneficial effects. She pointed out that the dangers of a world getting colder are far worse than those of a CO2-enriched world growing warmer. She recognised how distortions of the science had been used to mask an anti-capitalist, Left-wing political agenda which posed a serious threat to the progress and prosperity of mankind."

Christopher Booker.

More:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherbooker/7823477/Was-Margaret-Thatcher-the-first-climate-sceptic.html>
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<http://jennifermarohasy.com/2013/04/thatcherism-and-the-climate-catastrophe/>

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