

PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS FOR WIND ENERGY

The PTC for Wind Energy Facilities Creates multiple penalties to the general public in the form of increased taxpayer costs.

1. The PTC distributes Federal Dollars in the form of a subsidy that requires our government to borrow more money and places our nation further in debt.
2. The PTC impact on our Federal Budget unfairly re-allocates tax dollars from necessary programs and requires taxpayer penalties in the form of reduced income and/or higher costs, e.g. sequestered work weeks, eliminated transportation construction projects, sequestered funds to western states intended to reimburse federal forest land costs, and other such impacts.
3. The PTC will reduce our national security by reducing funds available to our military and defense spending.
4. The mandated PTC reimbursement from the BPA in periods that high water runoff in the Columbia river requires curtailing wind production ultimately ends up creating higher electric rates for both direct and indirect consumers of BPA power - *public ratepayers*.
5. The PTC subsidized wind energy generation variability requires base load providers (hydroelectric, nuclear, natural gas, and coal) to operate inefficiently by bypassing their turbines while still consuming fuel therefore increasing their operating costs which ultimately increases ratepayers costs.
6. The PTC calculation does not require a deduction for electricity consumed to provide heating of lubricants and maintenance of operational readiness during idle periods due to lack of wind.
7. The PTC further subsidizes Wind Energy introducing a higher cost electric producer versus alternatives into the ratepayer mix.
8. The PTC artificially increased Wind Energy facilities are then located in rural areas which requires expensive transmission infrastructure further escalating ratepayer costs.
9. The PTC subsidized facilities requiring huge physical footprints are sited in rural geography, typically home to multiple wildlife species, thus destroying or compromising habitat. Many of the compromised species are sources of related income to the rural communities impacted.

There are numerous examples that can provide detail to the above examples of costs due to the PTC for Wind Energy Facilities, however this short list is more than enough reason to eliminate this waste of taxpayer funds.