

Say Watt?!: Green New Deal

LT: Welcome to the latest edition of, Say Watt?!. I'm your host Laura Thornquist. Today, I'm pleased to have with me our very own CEO, Jesson Bradshaw. We always love having you on the show. (small talk)

LT: Today, the day of taping is election day as mentioned. As talk of the Green New Deal hits front and center again... the fight over the proposal, what's in it, and who supports it has played out on the debate stage over the past month. The battle underscores how after it was introduced in Congress, few voters fully understand what is and isn't in the 14-page resolution. So today we want to tackle this with Jesson and give some insight from our vantage point in the electricity space.

First things first, let's do a broad brush stroke... the Green New Deal is a proposed package of United States legislation that aims to address climate change and economic inequality. The main goal of the plan is to bring U.S. greenhouse gas emissions down to net-zero and meet 100% of power demand in the country through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources by 2030.

Jesson, from your vantage point is that realistic?

LT: Some of the goals of the plan include: Shifting 100% of national power generation to renewable sources, funding massive investment in the drawdown and capture of greenhouse gases, decarbonizing manufacturing and agricultural industries, and upgrading all buildings to become energy efficient. In your opinion, what would the impact of removing all non-renewable energy sources?

LT: The U.S. currently gets 80% of its energy from coal, petroleum, and natural gas. Hence, the kind of overhaul the deal is calling for would be very expensive and require significant government intervention. American Action Forum pegs the cost at \$93 trillion. What is your take on the potential costs.. Would this significantly raise the costs of energy for the average American household?

LT: A common rebuttal to opponents from supporters of the Green New Deal is that although it will be expensive to implement, not doing so will be more expensive in the long run.

LT: Jesson, we always love having you on the show and truly appreciate you for filling us in on the details of this plan and giving us your take. Here at Energy Ogre, we love the idea of being 'green, but we've learned today that the proposal isn't a simple fix.

What are your thoughts on the Green New Deal plan? Do you have any questions for Jesson? Drop them right in the comments section, as we always love hearing from you.

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