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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:48 AM
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Cc: Randy Knight (Rknight@cityofwinterpark.org) <Rknight@cityofwinterpark.org>
Subject: RE: Renewable Energy

Jason,

Thank-you for responding to my email.

If any of the facts in this blog post are materially inaccurate I would welcome the opportunity to make clarifications: <https://winterparkperspective.org/2024/02/09/renewable-energy-policy/>.
(Randy?)

Based on the history of Winter Park, OUC, and Duke comparative electric billing practices, we have been able to stay competitive while generating about \$7,000,000 in extra revenue that has been applied to the city-wide undergrounding program. The “guardrails” mirror these historical relationships. As such, the renewable energy resolution may be reasonable expected to allow for the purchase of up to \$7,000,000 of renewable energy each year that is not priced competitively (as Phil Anderson made clear), thus foregoing other uses of the funds offering tangible benefits to our residents.

While we understand that the resolution can be changed at any time, the policy preference in the current resolution clearly indicates a desire of all current commission members to buy additional renewable energy at prices more expensive than those in a competitive marketplace that is agnostic as to the source of the energy.

So, I ask the question again and would appreciate a direct response. Should the city pay more than a competitive price for electricity? YES or NO. If yes, why?

I hope you agree that voters have a legitimate interest in where each of the candidates stands on this very real and serious issue.

I look forward to your further response.

I would also welcome the opportunity to meet over a cup of coffee at your convenience.

Regards, Pete Weldon
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From: Jason Johnson <jason@jasonforwinterpark.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:28 PM
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Subject: Re: Renewable Energy

Mr. Weldon,

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your input.

It is my understanding from both my research and my discussions with City staff that the premise of the question may be fundamentally flawed.

I understand that Winter Park's electrical rates are the lowest in our area (the result of a smart decision by Winter Park voters in 2003 for the City to purchase the utility). Moreover, I do not think this is a plan that could not be adjusted in the future, if it appears to either not work or becomes too costly.

Finally, as I understand the plan, the City has installed some guardrails that ensure that our utility's electrical rates will never be more than 95% of what Duke Energy charges its customers.

I can assure you that as your Commissioner, I plan to keep it that way.

Thank you,

Jason

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