



I would like to start off by saying that the ORS cost analysis study is concise, well-researched, relatively accurate and I appreciate the hard work that went into it. That being said I think it is of the utmost importance to remind the PURC energy advisory council that in 2007 this same body commissioned a report and determined at that time that Solar was not economically viable and did not analysis it.

Why is it so important to emphasize? In 4 years, the cost of solar has plummeted. Solar has gone from \$8000kw installed to as low as \$2500kw installed. This is extremely important. When doing 50yr production planning models for utilities I have heard again and again various reasons why solar can't work. All of the arguments have turned out to be cursory at best.

I remember having a conversation with a Utility leader who said, "When solar gets down to \$4w installed we can talk." That day has come and been surpassed.

The black and Vetch study estimates that constrained potential of PV is 850-1700MW far short of the national perspective of 10% or 2300MW.

Something that should also be considered is the 2008 ORS report quote

"South Carolina should act to implement economic incentives to attract private investment in the research and development of renewable energy and the construction of renewable energy generation facilities both for its current utilities and potential investors in South Carolina's economy. "