

Greetings All –

I bring you news that is about as official as one can get right now, 6 hours before the official closure of the Spring Legislative session.

From all reports and sources, the Exelon bill, S.1585, Amendment 3, is DEAD.

We have this from two newspapers, a few legislative offices, and a briefing with the Climate Table's Negotiating Team this afternoon.

So, first order of business: CONGRATULATIONS, AND THANK YOU for your diligence and perseverance. ***We've stopped the Exelon nuclear bailout***, at least for now. And, we've forced Exelon to make one of two unpalatable decisions: 1.) close some reactors, or, 2.) keep them running while losing face and credibility for the 4th time backing down from their bluster and bluff threats to legislators. ***YOU DID THIS!*** Well done, team!

But, this was not a complete victory. While it also means the bad provisions of the ComEd bill are shot down for now, the RPS [Renewable Portfolio Standard] still has not been fixed. Community solar is still blocked by ComEd. And energy efficiency and jobs goals of the Clean Jobs Bill did not pass either. Nor did the recommended "just transitions" for reactor communities, and reactor decommissioning reform.

Best guesses on what's next remain just that -- best guesses. A number of questions will be answered in a few days once Exelon announces its reactor plans.

Most folks involved state that 1.) they expect "discussions" to continue between the utilities and the Clean Jobs Coalition members; and 2.) more work is expected to occur if either an extended legislative session or summer session is called.

So, like the late and wise Yogi Berra often said, "It ain't over 'til it's over!"

Thanks for all you did. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, our goals and demands remain the same, so don't lose the previous script. And if discussions bleed over into the summer, remind your state legislators and the Governor -- this IS an election year.

Stay well, keep doing great things. Now, go celebrate.

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