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Oregon is at crossroads of direction it takes for affordable energy. At present most affordable seems to be hydroelectric. Solar has problems. Wind has problems. Hydroelectric is a proven 24/7 producers of T least 60% of Oregon's electricity. No pollution. It has for years. Not good for nature, I get it. Converting acres and acres of Oregon's land for solar with battery backup is going to be long costly process. Wind same problem, no wind, back up is what? My problem is affordable, dependable power for my home. Nuclear option seems to me is best option, but controversial. As Oregon's energy needs grow so does need to expand options for supply. Data Centers coming in are using, I've heard 50% of our available energy. More demand usually means higher prices unless data centers bring own power source. At present I feel leave running hydroelectric plants alone until we have other power sources up and running. Taking them off line until then makes no sense. Rushing into something without backup isn't best path forward. Replacing Bonneville Dam is estimated to cost @ 20 Billion dollars.

Thank you.