

They are motivated by huge government tax credits and other subsidies.

“On a unit production basis, wind is subsidized more than 10 times any other energy source, yet contributes the least to our energy security.”

NWW's Submitted comments to House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water, March 31, 2006 by National Wind Watch

<http://www.windwatch.org/documents/2342>

“Tax breaks provide 2/3 of wind project value”

Misplaced State Government Faith in “Wind Energy”- This time by the Kansas Energy Council, March 1, 2005 by Glenn R. Schleede <http://www.windwatch.org/documents/91>

“A September 22, 2004 report by Citizens for Tax Justice claims that FPL Group, Parent of FPL Energy paid no income tax in 2002 or 2003 despite having profit of \$2.2 billion during those years.” “Large investments in wind during 2002-2003 would have qualified FPL Energy for large accelerated depreciation deductions from taxable income and significant wind production credits.”

Misplaced State Government Faith in Wind Energy - This Time by The Kansas Energy Council, March 1, 2005 by Glenn R. Schleede <http://www.windwatch.org/documents/91>

“Windpower would not exist in its present industrial form without these “incentives.” The relatively feckless energy produced is a front for the real business of generating tax avoidance schemes benefiting a few at the expense of the many, while playing havoc with the environment while claiming to save it. The industry is in fact a spiritual descendant of Enron, the “energy” company that, before its demise, owned and operated the nation’s largest collection of wind facilities; it pioneered the tax shelter as a commodity.”

Irresponsible Development: Industrial Wind Energy in the Eastern United States

<http://www.stopillwind.org/lowerlevel.php?content=ResponsibleWind>

“General Electric Wind, one of the largest manufacturers of wind turbines, has experienced a 500 percent growth in its wind business this year due to the renewal of the wind production tax credit last year”

Remarks of Senator Alexander – Windmill Legislation Introduction, May 13, 2005 by Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) <http://www.windwatch.org/documents/126>

“Clipper, Inc proposes to build 67 turbines atop of Maryland’s Backbone Mountain at a capital cost of about \$100 million. However, it expects to receive \$150 million in federal tax credits over 10 years”

Wind Rush by Jon Boone

<http://www.stopillwind.org/lowerlevel.php?content=WindRush>