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My name is Arthur Boone, I live at [REDACTED]. I am a member of the Sierra Club but do not speak for the Sierra Club.

Last year a local non-profit, Bay Localize, determined that in one area of Oakland, if solar panels were placed on the rooftops of existing structures, they could generate 70% of the electrical power consumed in that area.

Many of us in the Club think that renewable electrical power should be generated small-scale locally rather than in large facilities that will sit atop virgin land. We believe that the investor owned utilities will encourage large scale projects in far-away places in order to keep the retail consumers of power dependent on their transmission lines rather than rely on locally-generated, interconnected power.

I hope the urban infrastructure can develop fast enough with this new technology to avoid massive over-investment in remote areas. Please keep this in mind as you proceed.

Thank you.

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