

## Solar on Storage Public Comment at NV Legislative Committee on Energy

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Good Morning

My name is Todd Whear and I was born and raised in Nevada. I am the owner operator of Stor-All, LLC and a Board Member of the Nevada Self Storage Association. I am here to present a very simple idea... solar panel on storage facilities.

I received an e-mail from Doug Cannon, President and CEO of NV Energy this morning at 6:34am apologizing for his company's inability to supply enough power to meet the state's needs last week. This is not acceptable. I'm all about conserving energy, but I have to question Nevada's largest energy monopolies' ability to supply consistent, reliable and affordable energy. If they are falling short now and can't supply the state's demand, then why are we putting all our eggs in Warren Buffet's basket?

Fact: Nevada has instituted a very aggressive RPS of 50% renewable by 2030. This sounds mighty ambitious, even if every Nevadan did their part to get us there.

Fact: We have the new Assembly Bill 405. The "Renewable Energy Bill of Rights" was written to ensure that every resident of Nevada had equal and fair access to renewable energy. Specifically, #4 in the bill states that – **each natural person who is a resident of this state has the right to fair credit for any energy exported to the grid.** Well, I am here to say that this is not the case.

Nevadans should be able to spin the meter backwards and generate excess energy. The Utility should be required to buy back the power at a fair rate. What happened last week could have been avoided and Nevadans could have benefitted from the ability for them to help generate power for themselves and their neighbors. As it stands now, only minimal credit and a reduced bill can be obtained. Negating a power bill or selling energy back is not attainable to most Nevadans. It will take all of us to get to 50% by 2030. All Nevadans should stand a fair chance to benefit and profit from the best natural resource we have in this state...not just a chosen few.

To conclude, I implore you to read the presentation (Solar on Storage) if you haven't. Digest the idea of giving Nevadans a chance to contribute, to invest and believe in renewable energy. Solar on Storage is a no brainer! It can be modeled on any existing rooftops across many industries. Let's be smart about solar development and use the infrastructures we already have in place.

Remember, without incentive...there will be no investment.