



It's coal to the rescue as wind and solar fail to keep German lights on

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In Germany they call it the "Energiewende," meaning energy transition, and it doesn't work. Germans have been forced to come to grips with sober energy reality after binging on more than [half a trillion Euros](#) of so-called "alternative" energy, such as wind turbines and solar panels. This dramatically [increased the price of electricity](#) and created a [serious risk of blackouts](#).

Germany actually just announced plans to reactivate coal plants to provide reserve power and lower the risk of blackouts during the coming winter and years to come.

[Bloomberg](#) reports that:

Germany's coal phase-out plans face a potential setback after the energy regulator predicted the country will need a lot more fossil-fuel power plants on standby to help keep the lights on in the coming years.

The need for so-called reserve capacity to cover shortfalls in wind and solar generation during the 2026/27 winter period is set to reach 9.2 gigawatts, double the amount put aside for the last heating season, the [regulator](#) said Tuesday. That's even more than the 8.3 gigawatts of mainly coal-fired backup deployed in 2022, when Russia curbed pipelined natural gas supplies to Europe.

The solution the German government is pursuing is no solution at all -- offsets! [Reuters](#) reports that German "coal-fired power plants will be reactivated and the government will make proposals by summer next year on how to offset increased carbon dioxide these plants will generate this winter."

Germany will purchase some kind of offset certificates that will have no meaningful impact on the fact that German coal plants burn brown lignite, which is the dirtiest and least efficient variety of coal. It is far inferior to the cleaner-burning hard black anthracite mined in America.

The German energy economy has fallen victim to conflicting Green ideologies. As Germany invested a fortune in wind and solar which are unable to meet its energy needs, it simultaneously [shut down clean, safe, functioning nuclear plants](#) that were already paid for. Germany provides a powerful energy lesson in what not to do.

Will America learn in time?

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A blue ink handwritten signature that reads "Craig".

Craig Rucker
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