

ENERGY DEMOCRACY

Energy democracy calls for community-owned energy sources that are for the people and by the people, decentralizing and transforming the energy system to benefit consumers, rather than pollute and deplete their pockets. You can watch this short 2-minute video to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3L9rTBo>

Problem:

CENTRALIZED, DIRTY, FOR-PROFIT ENERGY

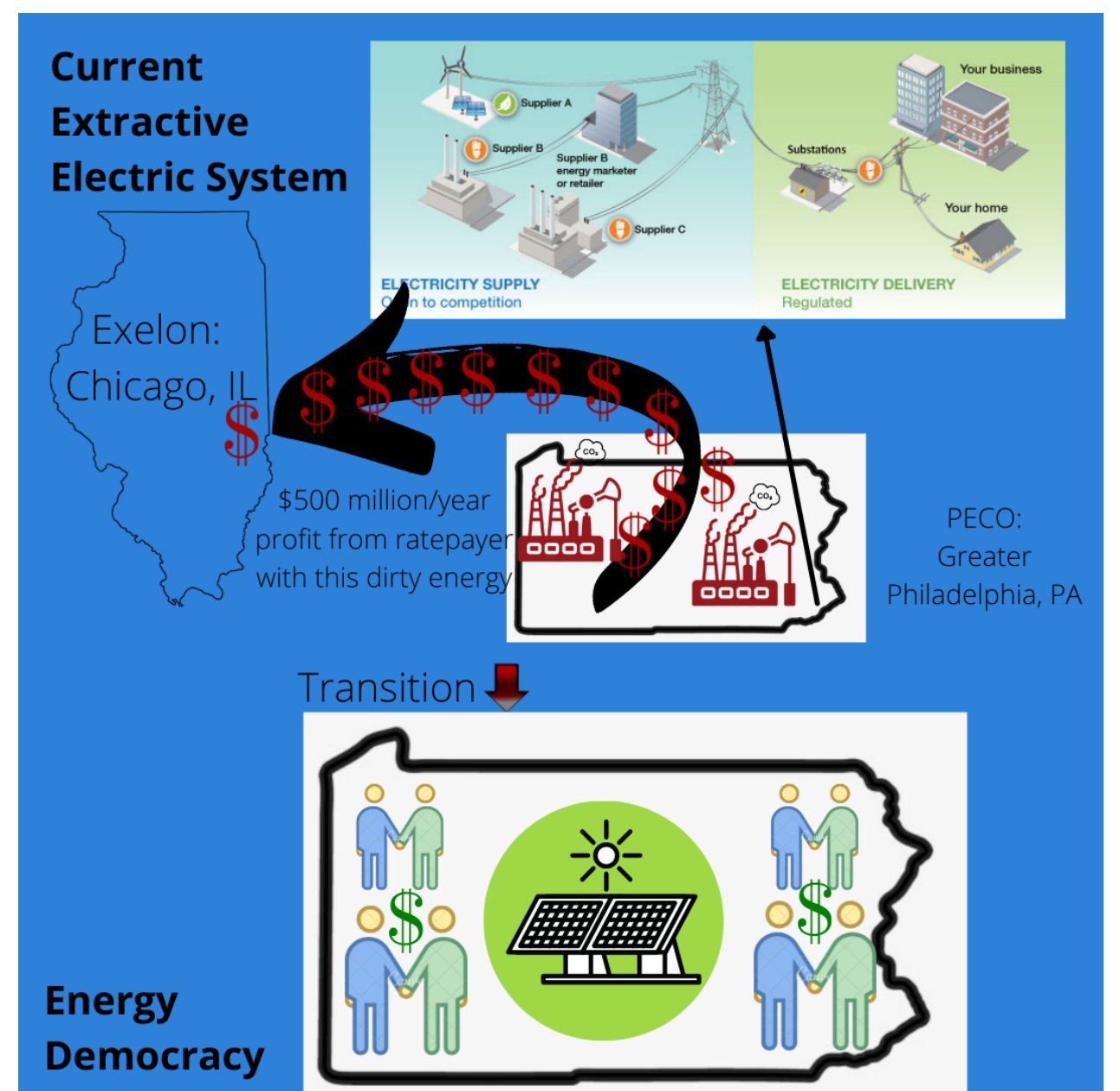
The current state of the energy grid is harmful to the environment and disproportionately impacts Black, Brown, Indigenous, and low-income communities causing adverse health effects and so much more. In Philadelphia, PECO is an investor-owned electric utility company that is solely responsible for the distribution of electricity and primarily transports dirty energy

How much profit?

\$500,000,000/YEAR

Did you know that PECO makes over \$1 million a day profit for the shareholders of their parent company Exelon? This comes from the customer, which then exports \$500 million+ out of state.

TO TRANSFORM THE SYSTEM, WE MUST TELL THE STORY OF HOW ENERGY DEMOCRACY CAN TRANSFORM LIVES AND ADDRESS THE SOCIETAL ILLS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM, CAPITALISM, HETEROPATRIARCHY, IMPERIALISM/COLONIALISM, AND WHITE SUPREMACY.



WHAT YOU CAN DO?

Organize your community!

- Learn more about and assess your community and its relationship to energy.
- Find applicable lessons from other energy fights
- 1:1 with people in your network
- Call/write legislators and get your community members to also!
- Lobby visits
- Letter-to-the-editor and opinion
- Public talks - Educate Public
- Encourage citizens to vote for good government!
- Encourage citizens to RUN for office

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CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT A DIFFERENCE ENERGY DEMOCRACY WOULD MAKE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITIES?



LET'S TAKE BACK OUR POWER.

IT IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND BASIC NEED FOR ALL.

LEARN MORE

A friendly reminder: We've done our research, but you should, too! Check our sources against your own, and always exercise sound judgment.

- Energy Democracy Project: <https://energydemocracy.us/>
- Emerald Cities Collaborative: <https://emeraldcities.org/>
- Little Sis Powerlines 101: <https://powerlines101.org/>
- A People's Orientation to a Regenerative Economy: <https://climatejusticealliance.org/regenerativeeconomy/>
- Climate Justice Alliance: <https://climatejusticealliance.org/>
- Book- Energy Democracy Project: Advancing Equity in Clean Energy Solutions: Buy Book