

EPRI Energy and Environmental Analysis Group Research on the Value, Costs, and Impacts of Renewable Generation

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On the economics of high penetration of renewable generation

* *Decreasing Returns to Renewable Energy*, EPRI Report 3002003946,
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(201-C) *Program 201-C Webcast on Economic Drivers of Wind and Solar*, January 2018,
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Responses to the academic literature on '100% renewables'

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<http://www.pnas.org/content/113/28/E3988>

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On the value of flexible operations and ancillary services under high renewable deployment

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<https://membercenter.epri.com/Programs/069228/pages/productabstract.aspx?ProductId=00000003002008450>

(178-B) *Economic Value of Increased Operational Flexibility for Fossil-Fired Generation Assets*, EPRI Report 3002013735,
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On renewable mandate policies

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<https://membercenter.epri.com/Programs/109396/pages/eventdetails.aspx?eventID=C2B6173D-2C33-4574-9EC9-F522A48E27BF>

* Young, D. T. and J. E. Bistline, 2018. *The Costs and Value of Renewable Portfolio Standards in Meeting Decarbonization Goals*, *Energy Economics* 73:337-351,
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0140988318301427>

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<http://eea.epri.com/pdf/EPRI-P201-Value-and-Costs-of-State-RPS.pdf>

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On representing high renewable penetration in capacity planning models

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<http://www.iaee.org/energyjournal/article/3083>

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