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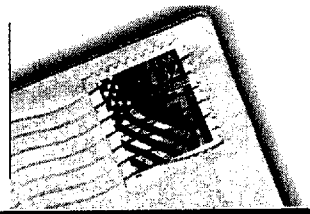

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TUESDAY: A new cartoon from the Standard-Examiner's Calvin Grondahl.

Make wind power part of energy future

Wind power is taking off. Accelerated by falling costs, volatile natural gas costs, concerns about global warming and government policies, wind power continues to be the fastest-growing energy resource. Its capacity has tripled globally since 1998 alone.

Now Utah has the opportunity to play a role in this amazing renewable industry. Wind developers report that Utah has over 1,000 megawatts of wind power potential that could be developed today. Such development represents a $1 billion investment across rural Utah.

Wind power not only makes economic sense, it makes sense for our energy future. It is inexhaustible and pollution-free; it does not jeopardize our health or the health of future generations. The states that are seeing the greatest wind development have renewable energy standards and financial incentives to encourage renewable energy development.

It is my hope Utah's leaders and policy-makers will take proactive steps and create policy to bring wind and other renewables to Utah.

We only stand to benefit from such a far-sighted, long-term, sustainable industry.

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