

# THREE INTERVENTIONS TO TAKE BACK THE ENERGY SYSTEM

## NATIONAL EXTRACTION & PRODUCTION

### Nationalize and wind down fossil fuel extraction

Use sovereign monetary power to fund  
a federal takeover of major US-based  
fossil fuel extraction companies like  
ExxonMobil and Chevron.

Secure public control over fossil fuel  
reserves and their future (in the ground).

Untangle the entrenched private  
interests blocking decisive action on  
climate action.

Unlock an orderly, just energy transition  
leaving no worker or community behind.

## REGIONAL GENERATION & DISTRIBUTION

### Bring energy utilities into community hands

Transition for-profit energy utilities  
into public and cooperative ownership  
to catalyze the redesign of power  
generation and distribution.

Take energy generation and distribution  
out of the hands of corporations to  
enable a rapid shift to renewables.

Give everyone a say through democratic  
decision-making processes.

Equitably distribute the burdens and  
benefits of a renewable energy system.

## LOCAL DEMAND & DECENTRALIZATION

### Leverage anchors for an equitable transition

Align the missions of nonprofit,  
place-based entities, like  
universities and hospitals, to  
build sustainable systems and  
community wealth.

Use anchors' expansive resources to build  
capacity in local renewables, energy  
efficiency, and microgrids.

Build a labor market in the green economy  
for former fossil fuel industry workers and  
other underemployed jobseekers.

Divest from fossil fuels and invest in  
strategies that open up community access  
to the energy transition.

**Today our energy system is fueled by the imperatives of constant growth, corporate power, and extraction. We need grand-scale, innovative, climate justice-driven solutions to upend the system. These three complementary energy interventions—from supply to distribution to demand—could make a serious dent in replacing our political economy with one that enables the transition to renewables, puts people in charge, and centers equity.**

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