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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