

Solar To Provide Baseload Electricity In US, Says Ausra

Two of America's biggest power utilities have unveiled plans for a multi-billion-dollar expansion of solar power supply, backing the argument that solar energy can become a viable alternative to coal-fired electricity. What makes the announcement more significant, according to the developer, Ausra chairman David Mills, is that utilities are confidently predicting that their solar power will soon be providing baseload electricity – that is, day and night – at prices competitive with coal. Those associated with the project believe it could signal a shift in electricity generation. Dr Mills says solar power could potentially supply most of the world's electricity. "My hope, my dream if you will, is that this will become a mechanism not only for the majority of the electricity generation in the United States but the majority globally," Mills says. He says US power companies were pledging billions of dollars of investment into solar power.

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