We are in an energy emergency.

Around the world, fossil fuels use — the form of coal, oil, and gas — is causing global warming and temperatures are going up. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, and pollution is killing millions. CO2 and other greenhouse gases continue to rise. Human civilization is in danger.

A rapid transition to renewable energy is desperately needed. Policies to approach to implementing renewable energy are not working.

50% 6°C

Modern renewables: 0.3% of total global energy supply

We are paying the cost for the current system.

This crisis impacts all of us, including union workers, who are facing cuts in working conditions, exploitative labor practices, and degradation of communities. The current energy system is not focused on meeting the needs of workers and communities — it’s about maximizing the profits of big corporations. Those corporations are breaking oceans and trampling on the rights of workers.

We need a change.

We need energy democracy.

Energy democracy is a public sector approach to energy transition that addresses climate change, pollution, energy poverty, worker and union repression, and the degradation of the planet.

The massive potential of renewable energy can help to realize that vision. It’s considered a public good, to be developed and delivered as a public service for the benefit of all.

We can make it happen!

The power generated by the sun and the wind does not have a price tag.

So the costs of research and development, manufacturing, construction, and installation can be quickly recovered — with sustainable social and environmental benefits as the result of clean air, a more stable climate, and millions of new jobs.

To make energy democracy a reality, we need to take three important actions: Resist, Reclaim and Restructure.

RESIST!

Fight large energy companies that extract fossil fuels, trample on workers’ rights and destroy the planet.

Even though more energy is being generated each year, more than 1.3 billion people worldwide still do not have access to energy.

1.3 billion people

RECLAIM!

Take back the right to exert democratic control and social ownership over the energy industry.

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Restructure!

Start a planned and orderly transition to renewable energy under worker, community, and municipal control.

TRADE UNIONS FOR

ENERGY DEMOCRACY