



Germany's Slogan: One for All and All for One as Long as the One is Germany

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One could point to the anti-nuclear movement in Germany to 2011. This followed the Fukushima disaster in Japan as a result of a tsunami. Around that time there were 17 nuclear units in operation, accounting for nearly 25% of generation. In 2021, they shut 3 of the 6 remaining units and will shut the last 3 units towards year end.

Interestingly, one might be able to point to the decision made in 2011 to shut these units as the moment the Germans knowingly or otherwise moved closer to the Russian view of the world. Their action this past week of refusing to allow the movement of equipment into Ukraine may be one example. The other is their single-minded support for Nord Stream 2. The Germans are dependent for 40% of their natural gas imports from Russia. It will jump to 50% or more with Nord Stream 2 (that almost all of their European allies and the U.S. opposes.)

They have decided that renewables, wind, and solar is the way to go. Yet on a risk-assessed basis why would you want to be so dependent on WEATHER-DEPENDENT SOURCES? Even if you did why would you want the new additions of renewables to simply replace existing capacity and not be a net increment to capacity.

Can anything be done to simply extend the operation life of the last 3 remaining units for ONLY ONE YEAR. Given the huge toll the current high prices of natural gas and electricity have taken on the public and economy, a one-year extension could go a long way to easing these pressures.



It would give the U.S. and NATO at this moment some added leverage in dealing with Russia. While the odds are very low, they are not ZERO. However, once the units are shut they do fall to ZERO. Germany has some tough decisions to make in several areas and time is running out.