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Sweden's Electric Sense

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Common sense in Sweden! Energy in Sweden!

Under the policy of Sweden's current government, the Swedish people are to be [allowed](#) to illuminate and heat their homes and do all the other things they use electricity for. The Swedish parliament has formally relinquished the government's former target of somehow reaching "net-zero" renewable energy by 2045.

Such unreliable means of generating power as erratic wind and erratic sunshine just don't cut it, says Finance Minister Elisabeth Svantesson.

"We need more electricity production, we need clean electricity, and we need a stable energy system. In

substantial industrialized economies ... only a gas-to-nuclear pathway is viable to remain industrialized and competitive."

The new energy policy is an about-face for Sweden, which decided in the '80s to nuke nuclear power and pursue 100 percent "renewable" energy.

Sweden is now following the lead of Finland. After Finland's latest nuclear power plant went on line in April, reports Peta Credlin, "wholesale power prices dropped 75%, almost overnight. The Olkiluoto 3 plant is ... delivering 15 percent of the country's power needs. Nuclear now provides around half of the country's total electricity generation."

Nuclear power has gotten a [bad rap](#) in many countries, including the United States. But if societies and governments are rightly or wrongly determined to retreat from reliance on fossil fuels while also not pulling the plug on industrial civilization, a steady supply of electricity has to be obtained somehow or other.

Nuclear power is one major way to do the job.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.