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Coal, Gas, Innovation and Our Net-Zero Energy Future

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A coal-fired plant against the morning sun in Glenrock, Wyo., July 27, 2018. PHOTO: J. DAVID AKE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tomas Philipson's comparison of "cheap green energy" with fossil fuels is a false dichotomy ("What Global Warming Has in Common With Covid," op-ed, April 13). Reliable, affordable and secure energy transmission requires an all-of-the-above approach—renewables, nuclear, coal and gas.

By focusing on achieving net-zero carbon emissions from energy generation, regardless of the method, we can innovate on all forms of electron production. If we focus technology investments on existing infrastructure, markets can act more nimbly in bringing energy online through carbon-capture retrofits and renewable sources.

Technology exists today to eliminate carbon emissions from fossil-fuel power generation. With innovation and an investment environment that treats all net-zero energy sources equally, a reliable and affordable net-zero-emission energy future can be a reality.

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