

Weiss: Our appetite for clean energy

Delicious column about the energy “combo platter” and “how much appetite Massachusetts has for clean and not-so-clean energy – and how much we can afford to pay for it” (Oct. 4).

Don’t forget the dipping sauces — we also must factor in how much we cannot afford to ignore climate change, and how much our innovative policy initiatives spur national action.

What’s the right sauce?

A national carbon tax. But until Congress enacts a national carbon tax, Baker and his sous-chefs should include an implicit cost of carbon in all their energy recipes . . . Microsoft, Exxon, Shell . . . all factor in the cost of capital when they taste test energy choices. They can’t afford not to. We can’t afford not to.

Want to learn more about pricing carbon and energy decisions? Citizens’ Climate Lobby will hold a regional conference Nov. 14-15 in Nashua, New Hampshire. Open to the public. Contact us for more details.

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