



PPL policies

Maybe, just maybe, PPL's more "restrictive policies" are found in providing PPL with more costs, costs that they can then take to the PUC to argue, and say with a straight face, "Our power line right-of-way maintenance cost are way up. Can we raise rates and make more profit, please?"

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Random thoughts on academia

I met a very smart man today. He installed my bay window. It took at least three hours and was quite a complicated project. He showed up on time, measured carefully, drilled, hammered, prevented damage to my garden, communicated well with his partner, remained cheerful under stress, was polite and received a large payment when he was finished.

I love my new window, but can't help but wonder what his situation might have been if he had been in school during the "No Child Left Behind" era.

Would he have scored proficiently on the PSSA's? Would his teachers have tested him to the point of frustration? Would his teachers have had the time to help him develop the life skills that he used today?

What if he wouldn't have been able to receive his high school diploma due to his low PSSA scores? What if he decided to drop out of school because the testing pressure was too much? What if he couldn't get a job with the window company because he didn't have a diploma? What would he be doing now?

If we truly want to embrace diversity in schools, shouldn't we be embracing academic diversity? If we expect them all to reach the same level of academic success, aren't we being prejudiced against those that want to focus on trades and careers that do not require academic post-secondary education?

What happens to the square peg that we try to force into a round hole?

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