

# A Renewable-Energy Champion Is Suing His Scientific Critics

Stanford professor Mark Jacobson has sued a prominent energy researcher and the National Academy of Sciences for defamation over a sharply-worded rebuttal of his work, shifting a heated scientific debate over renewable energy out of the journals and into the courts, according to the *MIT Technology Review*.

The suit demands a retraction of a June paper in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

“Jacobson seeks more than \$10 million in damages from both the paper’s publisher and its lead author, Christopher Clack, who is chief executive of Vibrant Clean Energy and a former NOAA researcher,” according to the article.

Clack and 20 other researchers responded in a publication that Jacobson’s paper “contained modeling errors and implausible assumptions that could distort public policy and spending decisions.”

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