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Coming Your Way: The End of the Oil Age! Are You Prepared?

It may seem like it should be the opposite, but due to the ongoing global economic debacle and uncertainty right now, opportunities for investment in the **energy** markets are everywhere, especially in alternative energy. And the drop in prices has created some great buying opportunities for you to consider.

As an investor, you have to examine the big picture of what's being set in motion right now. Weak economies and investments, combined with a pullback in **oil** prices, have put a big damper on the exploration and development of alternative power sources, as well as drilling for more fossil fuels.

Therefore, in the near future we'll have yet another major spike in energy costs and little to no real energy plan or alternatives to handle the growing demand. However, the end of the age of oil will not be a disaster ... if you're prepared for it.

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Keeping the Lights on for the 21st Century

At this moment the United States doesn't have an energy source that would be as easy to produce and transport as oil. And alternatives, such as corn-based ethanol, are of little help. But while we are all acutely aware of high gas prices every time we fill up our tank, we often don't even notice how much we depend on another source of energy.

Electricity!

Most of us take for granted that **electricity** will always be there. We flip on a switch and our "stuff" simply works. But when more and more people, in more and more countries, start making that assumption, you have a serious situation. Right now, one in every three people on the planet doesn't even have **electricity**. Even so, our electrical grids are overtaxed, and **electricity** demand is higher than it's ever been.

So what happens when the rest of China and India hop onto the power grid?

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Electrifying Your Portfolio

There are many ways you can take advantage of the diminishing supply and surging demand for electricity. Everything from, nuclear and solar to natural gas and wind turbines offer opportunities to profit in this sector.

Here are two ETFs you might consider:

The first is the PowerShares **Global Clean Energy Portfolio (PBD)**, which holds companies that focus on greener and generally renewable sources of energy and technologies facilitating cleaner energy.

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