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SunPower: Opportunities in Alternative Energy

Examining the PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (PBW) and SunPower (SPWR)

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The price of crude oil continues to rise, putting pressure on consumers. In electronic trading this morning, the December crude oil contract had rallied \$2.24, or 2.4%, to \$96.23, which was down from an all-time high of \$96.44 per barrel reached earlier this morning. The price in crude has received a boost today from dollar weakness and expectations for a drop in crude inventories.

Meanwhile, the latest report from AAA reveals that the average price of gasoline around the country is now above \$3 per gallon, tagging its highest level in 3 months. What's more, the average gas price has never topped \$3 in November. According to AAA and Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), prices were at or above \$3 in 23 states Monday.

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The rise in the price of crude oil has sent many consumers and investors scrambling for alternatives to this source of energy, and as a result, the alternative energy sector has gained some fans. The PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (**PBW: [sentiment](#), [chart](#), [options](#)**) is an exchange-traded fund (ETF) that

focuses on companies that stand to benefit in a shift toward other forces of energy such as solar power. Some of the ETF's components include Energy Conversion Devices, First Solar, JA Solar Holding, and SunPower.

In this week's video, I take a closer look at the outstanding performance of this ETF as well as offering up one stock that may be worth adding to your portfolio. Be sure to click on the image below to watch this week's look at alternative energy.



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