From: Brian Scanlan

To: <u>Secretary, BPUBoard [BPU]</u>

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Dear Secretary,

It is imperative that the BPU not approve any fossil fuel gas or RNG infrastructure projects other than those needed to ensure the **safety** of the current gas distribution systems.

This approach should be the status quo until real plans are implemented to meet the State's clean energy (100% by 2035) and carbon reduction (50% by 2030) goals for the many reasons and more laid out in Empower NJ's comments submitted as part of this proceeding.

The forest and brush fires, including several just miles from my house, the hottest temperatures in recorded history in the US and elsewhere, ocean temperatures reaching 100 degrees, drought, and dangerous storms: are these enough for the BPU to get real about climate change?

Sincerely,

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