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

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Hello,

As a mother, citizen, and member of Bnai Keshet Reconstructionist Synagogue's climate action group, I would like you to consider my opinion. The Board of Public Utilities must *not* approve any fossil fuel gas or so-called "renewable" natural gas infrastructure projects other than those needed to ensure the safety of the current gas distribution systems until real plans are being 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. We must not waste time and money locking in fossil-fuel infrastructure. The time to act is now. Today, my children's first day of school is being cut short by impossibly high temperatures. What are we waiting for? The disasters, floods, fires, hurricanes, and deadly heat waves are already here.

Thank you for your kind attention.