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BPU must not approve any fossil fuel gas or RNG infrastructure projects other than those needed to ensure the safety of the current gas distribution systems 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 weather we have experienced this year with very high temperatures around the world including oceans warming up, and lack of rain affecting crops everywhere, we need to focus on what we can do concerning carbon reduction, including reducing our dependence on fossil fuel gas and infrastructure projects.

In solidarity, The Empower NJ Steering Committee