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The 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 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.

Every single day the television brings news of our unraveling global climate systems into our homes. Every single day! In New Jersey we have had localized tornadoes and Super Storm Sandy. It is going to get worse unless we change. And even if we do change, we still face disruption as global systems stabilize at some new set point. We don't have a choice about this. Changes are coming. Weather is becoming more extreme. The choice we do have now is to anticipate and mitigate. Let's create a best case scenario by not allowing a "business as usual" mindset to guarantee that we are heading straight into the worst case scenario.

Are you losing sleep contemplating the future? I am. I wonder about the folks who used to live in Lahaina or Paradise, CA, where can they go? Let alone the people in Pakistan...

Sincerely,

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