



State of New Jersey
Board of Public Utilities
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Re: Docket No. G023020099

Dear Board of Public Utilities Commissioners, President Joseph L. Flordaliso, Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Commissioner Christine Guhl-Sadovy and Commissioner Marian Abdou

Waterspirit is sharing the following comments on behalf of our thousands of members throughout the state, northeast region, nation and planet. Waterspirit is a nonprofit spiritual ecology center, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. For 25 years, Waterspirit has offered programming and advocacy activities centered on water as the source and sustainer of all life. We simultaneously hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Thank you for the opportunity; young people need leaders, like yourselves, in positions of purchasing power to demonstrably work toward a thriving future replete with clean air, clean water, a stable climate and healthy environments. It is our shared hope that you take to heart all recommendations you receive that are centered on proven renewable energy alternatives and plans that ethically meet New Jersey's energy needs.

- **Waterspirit recommends that NJBPU ensure any/all stakeholder engagement processes are intentionally inclusive across languages, geographic locations and media channels**
- **Waterspirit recommends that NJBPU place an immediate moratorium on spending toward new and expanded oil and gas projects**
- **Waterspirit recommends that NJBPU conduct widespread solar siting across the state and related assessments for distributed energy storage potential**
- **Waterspirit recommends that the NJBPU consider the potential future for young people across income levels when making impactful or long term economic decisions**
- **Waterspirit recommends that the NJBPU consider the disastrous, dangerous, and costly health impacts of gas power on ratepayers who live in and around toxic, polluting infrastructure**
- **Waterspirit recommends that NJBPU read the recent study that came out of Pennsylvania linking hydraulic fracturing infrastructure proximity to detrimental health of children, animals and water**
- **Waterspirit recommends that NJBPU take into account independent studies debunking so-called RNG and not succumb to biased information from industry supporters**

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to share. Please be in touch should you have any questions or wish for more information.