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As a New Jersey resident my whole life, I am concerned about the detrimental affects fossil fuel and RNG on the air we breathe.

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 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. Real plans need to be implemented to meet the State's clean energy (100% by 2035) and carbon reduction (50% by 2030) goals first.

The State has no implementable plan to meet the 50x30 Goal or its goal of 100% clean energy by 2035.

Gas distribution companies should not be allowed to recover from ratepayers the cost of building and upgrading pipelines and other infrastructure with a 50 to 70 year lifetime when those assets will only be used a small fraction of that time. Future investments to meet our energy requirements should be directed to expanding and improving the electrical grid, not propping up a contracting industry at ratepayer expense.

More reasons are laid out in [Empower NJ's comments](#) submitted as part of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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PS I am also against the second Woodbridge power plant for these same reasons.