energymasterplan@bpu.state.nj.us

As a citizen of NJ, born and bred right here in S. Jersey I feel I have every right to be heard and for what it is worth here is my cents;

Unless manufacturers develop and offer highly efficient appliances including heaters we cannot make the gains that need to be made in fuel use and environmental quality. The same is true for automobiles and especially trucks.

I have advocated the rebuilding of our rail system for both passenger and commercial transit. The rewards are obvious to anyone with an open mind.

Wind and solar power are the future. They are clean, efficient and freely available.

Nuclear power is dangerous and antiquated, not to mention there is no safe manner of disposal. Nuclear power is also a target for terrorists and unless there is a armed military presence there is no security. This is far too expensive and must not be an alternative.

Permitting fee's, review fees and the multitude of studies required to do anything in NJ is far too complicated and intrusive. This only lines the pockets of the lawyers and their preferred professionals.

Offshore drilling for gas and oil is plausible if only for the future availability it provides.

Coal fired anything is unacceptable. It's an environmental disaster.

The use of fossil fuels are aiding and abetting terrorist nations. We are in effect killing ourselves. Use American, Mexican and Canadian oil only.

Too many perks are offered to too many of the wrong people and all at a cost to the taxpayer.

I can go on and on but unless our government and its agencies wake up and heed the call, we will forever be condemned to inefficiency, regulatory abuse, foreign reliance and so on. Its time to do the right thing. The right thing is what's best for the real people of NJ and the USA.

Charles Abel, Jr.