

energymasterplan@bpu.state.nj.us

Hello,

I attended the meeting at Rowan today and found it very informative. Thank you for providing the opportunity for the community to voice their opinions.

One of the speakers today addressed his concern of the effects of wind and solar energy on ratepayers. He suggested that new "clean" coal plants and nuclear plants would help mitigate the economic impact on ratepayers. As a ratepayer, a taxpayer, a voter and a citizen I would like to strongly object to his suggestions. I consider myself thrifty and do not like to waste money, however, I am willing to pay more for quality. I am happy to pay more for my energy, if the quality of the environment improves, as it will with New Jersey investing in solar and wind energy. I understand that nuclear energy is clean, but the word that comes to mind is "hubris." It is hubris, plain and simple, to think that nuclear power plants can be run without the danger of human error. Human error exists everywhere, but the consequences in the case of nuclear power are catastrophic. Since the state is headed in a new direction, let's make it the right direction - toward clean, safe, renewable power such as wind and solar.

Two other suggestions -

Adjust the regulations to allow public schools to save money toward installing solar and or wind power on existing buildings.

Keep the rebate on wind and reinstate the solar rebate

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Liz O'Keefe
Glassboro, NJ 08028