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November 15, 2019 **Re: IEP Feedback**

NJBPU plans to finalize the Energy Master Plan with the IEP as the blueprint for the next 30 years by December 2019. This IEP, models the sourcing, fuels and energy that New Jersey will use as a framework to achieve 100% conversion from fossil fuels to green energy by 2050. NJBPU subcontracted this plan to Rocky Mountain Institute in June 2019 and RMI provided a presentation on Nov 1 to the public with a webinar, which was made available only nine days ago, on November 6, 2019.

I am concerned that this proposed timeline and process is not adequate, and ask that the following suggestions be considered and implemented:

The NJBPU should take two years before publishing an initial IEP, assign people to the IEP as a project now, as well as for the thirty year duration of the transformation program. Representative from the NJ-DEP, NJ-DOT and NJ-EDA should also be included.

Engage New Jersey high schools and universities by sponsoring competitions every 6 months, This will raise public awareness, engage the residents of NJ and will produce working pilots based on currently available cost effective solutions.

Make the 30-year EMP a project program, and request that Governor Murphy create the **EMP Transformation Program (EMPTP) Office**. This is the *only way* the program will operate over the next 30 years with continuity and management support.

Most importantly, encourage New Jersey agencies, partners and citizens to send in comments *to create the first IEP blue print by 2022.* This is not something that should be outsourced to one organization (RMI) who then subcontracts to another organization (EER). *This is for New Jersey* and should be *by New Jersey* working with other states and countries, and with research being performed by energy.gov, NREL, EIA and IEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Respectively submitted,

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