

## 9-9-19 Comment on Energy Master Plan

The Governor's Energy Master Plan is currently inadequate to meet the climate emergency. We need a concrete plan that meets the scale of the crisis. First, the plan must include a **moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects** until greenhouse gases are effectively regulated. Fracked natural gas is no substitute for renewable energy, and new fossil fuel projects of any type will hinder the feasibility of renewable energy projects. Second, the EMP drastically understates the **global warming impact of methane released by the extraction, distribution, and burning of natural gas**. Third, the draft EMP is silent on critical costs. Total short- and long-term **economic, social, health, and total life cycle costs of burning fossil fuels** must be calculated, disclosed, and utilized by the EMP in setting policies. Its real effect on climate change must be considered. We must not concern ourselves with offending the natural gas industrial complex and instead protect NJ families and future generations.