Boardmembers, prior to your final public hearing, on the formulation of the New Jersey Master Plan Policy for 2020 on September 12, I want to address the urgency on addressing the issue of permitting ongoing projects of fracking in New Jersey.

Fracking releases 30% of green house gas. We cannot meet standards inferred by the latest intergovernmental panel on climate change report and the latest U. S. national climate change assessment unless a moratorium is placed on impending fracking projects!

It behooves your body to set the most stringent restrictions on every form of carbon contamination if we can hope to achieve 45% reductions in greenhouse gas from 2010 levels by 2030 and net zero emissions around 2015. Both California and New York have set these for their goals. Surely, New Jersey would ascribe to no lesser goals in the face of the metastasizing environmental disasters in place at present.

Since this master plan for New Jersey’s energy policy is being created now with the intention that it will be in place for the next 30 years, we cannot, in good conscience, fail to address the impact of the continuing release of greenhouse gas which would be emitted by the continuation of fracking projects going forward!

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely yours, Marilyn Chapman, RN, MSW, LCSW