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**TO:** New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
**FROM:** Eric DeGesero, Executive Vice President  
**RE:** **2019 Energy Master Plan**

The Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey (FMA) represents motor fuel and heating fuel distributors in the state. Most of FMA's heating fuel distributors are also licensed HVACR contractors who install and service all types HVAC equipment.

Attached herewith please find a September 2018 report from the National Oilheat Research Alliance: *futurefuel - understanding the viability of advanced biofuels and combustion technologies to deliver zero net carbon combustion in the future and examining advanced biofuels as an alternative to electric heat pumps and other fossil fuel combustion in tomorrow's homes.*

The report highlights the transition that the oilheat industry is undergoing as we move to a net zero carbon fuel which would work in conjunction with thermal heat pumps.

FMA looks forward to working with the BPU as you begin the process of writing the draft 2019 Energy Master Plan.