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**Dear N.J. Board of Public Utilities,**

**Last week's alarming new report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned that rapid changes are needed in order to stem catastrophic global warming of our planet.**

**Governments around the world must take "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" to avoid disastrous levels of global warming, is the stark consensus from the global scientific authority on climate change.**

**In light of this, I am greatly relieved that our state is taking strong action, with Governor Murphy's signing of a new law to get half of New Jersey's power from renewable sources by 2030, and achieve 100% by 2050.**

**However, I am concerned that natural gas could somehow be considered clean or renewable - which it is not. As a fossil fuel, it is not renewable, nor clean (except compared with even worse coal or oil).**

**New Jersey's Energy Master Plan should facilitate a rapid transition to renewable energy, like appropriately-sited solar and wind projects, while preventing ratepayer dollars from being wasted on unneeded natural gas infrastructure that should not be considered clean energy.**

**Please, for the sakes of our children and grandchildren, let's do this right and be leaders in this critical effort. New Jersey can do it!**

**Thank you and sincerely yours,**

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