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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