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Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Voter Letter: We Need a Plan to Achieve 100% Renewable Energy!
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Dear NJ BPU members,

As a resident of New Jersey, I am proud that my home state is nationally recognized as a leader in the clean energy movement. I applaud Gov. Murphy for committing to the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050. I urge you to develop an Energy Master Plan to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050, and that identifies the policies needed to prevent unneeded fossil fuel infrastructure, like natural gas pipelines, that would stand in the way of achieving 100% clean energy and saddle ratepayers with unnecessary costs.

A September 2018 poll of New Jersey voters found:
• Three out of four (75%) New Jersey voters support 100% renewable energy goal by 2050.
• 75% say New Jersey should be investing more in renewables, not more fossil fuels.
• Two out of three (67%) New Jerseyans are willing to pay $10 or $15 more per month for solar or wind energy in order to reduce emissions.
• Only a third (33%) of New Jerseyans define gas as “clean” energy.

Here are the top priority items that will help New Jersey get to 100% renewable energy by 2050:

• Set interim emissions targets for every five years between 2023 and 2050 by sector — electricity generation, transportation, residential and commercial sectors — that provide a pathway to achieve Global Warming Response Act goals by 2050.
• Implement the policies needed to deny approvals for new oil and gas projects that would conflict with reaching statewide emissions reductions required under the Global Warming Response Act.
• Develop policies to guarantee pollution reductions in environmental justice communities in the near-term. Any energy policy development should abate impacts on environmental justice communities and communities of color and provide greater access to renewables and energy efficiency and ensure affordability for low-moderate income households.
• Determine pathways to reach 2050 goals utilizing state-of-the-art modeling and analysis of the regional grid out to 2050, as done recently by other states, in order to identify the mix of clean energy resources needed over time to achieve a reliable grid, deep decarbonization and low-cost pathways.
• Provide a cost-effective pathway to achieve 100% renewable energy while capitalizing on the tremendous opportunities to generate good local jobs and spur economic development in New Jersey through renewable energy projects and investments in energy efficiency and electrification.

I look forward to robust plans that will make us a leader in renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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