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To: comments, EMP

Subject: [EXTERNAL] IEP feedback

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NJ Board of Public Utilities (NJPBU)

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RE: IEP feedback

Dear BPU,

New Jersey can and should be a global leader in addressing our climate emergency. Instead, I am alarmed by the findings presented in the Integrated Energy Plan. I demand you take all steps to address these critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and EMP:

- any modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions 45% before 2030 as recommended by IPCC 2018 report
- modeling for a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey
- modeling for immediate moratorium on any new fossil fuel infrastructure
- front loading emission reductions to have the most significant impact on our climate emergency
- accurately estimating the global warming potential of short-lived climate pollutants like methane and black carbon
- counting social costs of continued reliance and use of fossil fuels
- flexibility to use the best of some plans now and others later
- valuing meaningful public input
- consideration of potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes
- any mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use

I would appreciate a response to my request.

Sincerely, Dr. Vikram Sikand 39 King Ave Weehawken, NJ 07086 (201) 867-7970