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To: comments, EMP
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NJ IEP Feedback

Re: NJ IEP Feedback

Dear NJBPU,

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 (IEP) because they fall far short of what we need to do to address the climate crisis. I consider it imperative that you take additional steps through the IEP modeling and analysis to address the critical deficiencies in the IEP before finalizing the IEP and the Energy Master Plan.

- There must be modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions 45% before 2030 as recommended by IPCC 2018 report
- Model for the scenario that delivers a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey (not “carbon-neutral”, which includes dirty and inefficient energy)
- Model for an immediate moratorium on any new fossil fuel infrastructure and uses
- Front load emission reductions to have the most significant impact on our climate emergency
- Accurately estimate the global warming potential of short-lived climate pollutants like methane and black carbon (using a 20 year or 10 year time frame); run scenarios based on this
- Count social costs of the continued reliance and use of fossil fuels; model for these costs in your cost analysis (don't allow real costs to be dumped on the public and particularly on our most burdened communities who already bear them disproportionately)
- Use the best of some state and local government plans now and others later to achieve milestones; work collaboratively and be flexible
- Value meaningful public input; I want to see the results of these new scenarios and have the opportunity to comment on them
- Consider the potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes
- Employ mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the IEP. I am counting on BPU to listen to my input and run additional scenarios to successfully combat the growing climate emergency here in NJ.

Sincerely,
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