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Re: Concerns With Draft Scoping Plan

Dear CAC,

I'm writing to express my concern about some of the recommendations contained in the CAC's draft Scoping Plan, which essentially proposes to eliminate natural gas as an energy option in our state.

This costly endeavor is concerning for several reasons, including;
+ The need for massive renewable energy development & power grid expansion
+ Unknown costs to consumers for conversion & expansion to renewable energy
+ Unspecified projections in rising consumer costs from supply & demand issues

I have seen predictions from NYS consultants that the cost to consumers resulting from eliminating natural gas could be as high as $25 billion in Western New York alone. This is just a monetary cost that does not account for the price families would pay if the power grid were unable to support the demand increase necessary for winter heating and electric vehicles.

As an energy industry employee, I believe relying on one energy system for everything is just too risky, mainly as we see an increasing need for energy system reliability, resilience, and quicker recovery from more frequent and significant weather events.

Please reconsider the need for natural gas and its reliable delivery system as you determine the future of New York's energy footprint.

Sincerely,
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