From: Amy Hill
To: erda.sm.scopingplan
Subject: Draft Scoping Plan Comment
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 9:51:00 PM

ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.

Dear Climate Action Council:

Fossil fuels burned in buildings are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in New York State and therefore a plan to decarbonize New York's buildings is a fundamental component of the Climate Action Plan. The first crucial step is for new buildings to be all-electric starting in 2024!

I support the timeline laid out in the scoping document for building decarbonization via efficient electrification, starting with all-electric new buildings in 2024 (small buildings) and 2027 (large buildings) and policies to phase out fossil fuel heating systems and appliances in existing buildings over time as they reach the end of useful life.

Equity and affordability must be central to the transition from fossil fuels to building electrification, so the scoping plan must call for oversight and consumer protection measures to be put into place.

The safe, reliable, proven, affordable pathway for building decarbonization is electrification with heat pumps - both ground source and air source - as well as thermal energy networks. So-called "renewable natural gas" and hydrogen are risky, expensive, false solutions that are wholly unsuitable for use in buildings.

A just transition transition plan for gas utility workers to build thermal energy networks should be put into place as part of the climate action plan.

Sincerely,

Amy Hill
Tarrytown, NY