

NJ Board of Public Utilities

September 2018 Public “Energy Master Plan” Meetings

Suggested key talking points developed by:



Key messages:

1. The Energy Master Plan (EMP) should 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 the goals in the Global Warming Response Act (statewide reduction of emissions by 80% from 2006 levels) by 2050. The EMP should develop a comprehensive blueprint to achieve these interim targets and to require bi-annual monitoring and reporting.
2. “Clean energy” should be defined as Class I Renewable Energy, like solar and wind. New Jersey has already enacted landmark legislation requiring 50% renewable energy by 2030, so the EMP should put the state on a pathway to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050.
3. New Jersey is facing a multitude of proposed fossil fuel projects, including gas-fired plants and pipelines, that are not consistent with a clean energy future. The EMP should identify regulatory changes needed for regulators to deny approval of new oil and gas projects that threaten reaching statewide emissions reductions required under the GWRA.
4. The EMP should develop policies to guarantee pollution reductions in environmental justice communities in the near-term. Any energy policy development should reduce impacts on environmental justice communities and communities of color, should provide greater access to renewables and energy efficiency, and should ensure affordability for low-to-moderate income households.
5. The state should determine pathways to reach 2050 goals utilizing state-of-the-art modeling and analysis of the regional grid out to 2050, as was recently done by other states, in order to identify the mix of clean energy resources needed over time to achieve a reliable grid, deep de-carbonization, and low-cost pathways.
6. The EMP should provide a cost-effective pathway to achieve 100% renewable energy while capitalizing on the tremendous opportunities to generate good local jobs and spurring economic development in New Jersey through renewable energy projects and investments in energy efficiency and electrification.