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**Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure and Decarbonization Targets**

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Dear California Energy Commission,

We are in a climate crisis that is literally growing worse by the day. All fossil fuels, including natural gas (methane) must be phased out as fast as possible. The bulk of existing buildings use natural gas for heating, cooking and heating water and so play a significant role driving the climate crisis. They need to be phased out as fast as possible. To that end, I strongly support changes to the State Building Code that mandate all new construction be fully electric no later than January 1, 2023. All major rehabs (what constitutes a major rehab needs to be defined) should also be required to include conversion from gas to all electric. The Commission also needs to establish a date by which any appliance that uses gas ( HVAC, stoves, water heaters and any other gas using appliances) can only be replaced by electric. I suggest January 1, 2025. There will need to be both incentives and financial assistance to help pay for such replacement.

Dear Commissioner:

California has already pledged to generate all of its electricity through clean renewable energy by 2045. A quarter of California's greenhouse gas emissions are from homes and buildings, the majority of which come from onsite combustion of methane gas for heating. To meet its climate goals, the state must phase out the use of gas in our homes and buildings entirely.

California cannot afford to slow down its pace in transitioning from dirty methane gas to clean electricity in homes and buildings. Clean alternatives, such as solar and wind, are ready and are California's best hope for avoiding more devastating climate impacts.

I strongly encourage the Energy Commission to stay on track with California's climate targets and work towards phasing out gas entirely and rapidly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Jacques

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