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Subject: Please Phase Out Methane Gas in California -- The Natural Gas Infrastructure and Decarbonization Targets (Docket #: 19-MISC-03)

Dear California Energy Commissioners:

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.

"It is our task in our time and in our generation, to hand down undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down to us by those who went before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours." -- John F. Kennedy

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.

"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children." -- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." -- Aldo Leopold

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Sincerely, Christopher Lish San Rafael, CA