

Dear Regulators,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen and active member of Climate Action Rhode Island, the statewide affiliate of [350.org](https://350.org). We seek a rapid and just transition from fossil fuels to clean energy in order to preserve a stable climate system.

The PUC must aggressively phase out the gas network, as required by the Act On Climate, starting immediately. The solution should respect the following principles:

1. Target assistance to Rhode Islanders in poor, marginalized, and environmentally overburdened communities.
2. All new gas pipeline infrastructure and all new gas hookups must be banned.
3. Workforce training, simple financing, subsidies and technology support are needed to execute this transition.
4. Aggressively pilot district geothermal "GeoGrids."
5. For residents without access to district heating, air source heat pumps must be the system of choice every time a system is upgraded.
6. The utility must monitor gas usage and carbon footprint across the state at the level of individual buildings and **be directly incentivized to minimize it** via performance-based regulation on the necessary schedule.
7. Do not substitute hydrogen for methane in our distribution network.

Thank you for your work on this critical task.

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