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RIPUC, this is in response to the request for public comments on the future of gas. My comments are very simple. Rhode Island should be doing everything possible to eliminate all use of gas. The entire system must be shut down if we are to reach net zero in a timely manner. It is likely that there will be more and more restrictions on drilling, so it really makes no sense to do anything but shut down the entire system. As it is currently constituted it encourages further fracking, which poisons communities as well as spewing methane into the air. The system seems to leak like a sieve, and there is no evidence that leaks can be eliminated. It is likely that we shall rapidly increase the use of heat pumps and electricity for heating and cooking and there is no reason to try to stop that momentum. So I think the entire review should be focused on how we completely eliminate the use of gas and close down the system in the least disruptive way possible.

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