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Ms Masse: please add the enclosed below testimony of Michael Armenia and John Homer , 22 Damon St. Newport RI 02840.

We, Michael Armenia and John F. Homer III and several members of the Energy Council of Rhode Island TEC-RI are life long energy engineers. We have commented/opined on natural gas installations publically, TEC-RI is a registered 501c(3) in RI. The attached text for inclusion in Docet SB-2024-04 was published in Newport This Week, edition Aug 21,2025. It is reprinted here to add this to the formal record for SB-2024-04:

To Kristen Masee, [PUC.RI.gov](https://puc.ri.gov):

Re Docket SB-2024-04

Dear Ms Masee:

As members of The Energy Council of Rhode Island (TEC-RI), we attended an “educational” meeting on July 31, 2025 conducted by the Climate Action RI campaign “Yes to Wind, No to Gas”.

Locally, CARI is lobbying to prevent an additional gas line into Aquidneck Island, which suffered a recent winter population evacuation due to low line pressure. Instead, CARI suggests people buy electric heat pumps, which are very expensive and incapable of supplying heat in the coldest winters. The electricity needed to run heat pumps, AI centers, EVs and everything else electric will come from gas or non-emitting nuclear. There simply isn't enough taxpayer or rate payer money to build wind or solar to electrify the grid.

There is an affordable alternative: maintaining the existing pipelines, many of them brand new but welded shut in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts by prior political edicts. The current federal administration is reopening those in its reasonable promise to cut New England electricity and heating bills in half.

Two self-proclaimed experts from the Sierra Club of Connecticut and CARI representatives spoke at the meeting. Their political purpose: oppose the addition of gas lines into New England and substitute the trinity of wind, solar, batteries to completely electrify New England.

Several energy experts at TEC-RI have been doing R&D and power installations for 50 years in the military and private industry; we know the W/S/B trinity can never work economically or physically to provide reliable energy. The Sierra speaker said natural gas leakage from pipelines is more damaging to climate than CO2. We asked her to compare pipeline leakage to natural leakage from land and oceans. Neither Sierra nor CARI could answer, however, we know that mother nature and agriculture emit around 400 million tons of natural gas/methane vs. USA pipeline leakage of only two million, according to the Environmental Defense Fund. Therefore, it is folly to eliminate gas that emits one half the CO2, if you think CO2 is a danger. The present Department of Energy doesn't.

Sierra, CARI, EDF, [350.org](http://350.org) [350.org] and other climate activists want to spend trillions more on the most expensive, heretofore perpetually taxpayer subsidized boondoggle in history – wind power. The wind is free, but the infrastructure costs to build and back up the gaps of intermittent wind and solar are not. That would require two energy systems. The backup now is natural gas equal to the maximum output of wind at 25 knots and sun at high noon. When the wind and sun are dormant, which is most of the time, that backup must kick in instantaneously.

The United States is the largest producer of natural gas; Europe desperately needs it to replace their historical supply from Russia. China continues dumping cheap solar and wind components into the United States renewable energy bottomless pit. That will make us dependent on technology that is incapable of supporting our industries, military and safety needs. This is why artificial intelligence firms are going nuclear; it is the only reliable, emissions-free source and the cheapest life cycle, according to our Department of Energy.

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