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Empower NJ:

Grading Standards for Governor Murphy's 100% Clean Energy Plan

Galloway, NJ — In anticipation of the Murphy Administration's release of the revised Energy Master Plan (EMP) in Galloway at noon today, Empower NJ offers the following eight questions to determine its responsiveness to both the climate emergency challenges we face and the extensive public comments on its 2019 draft:

- 1) Was the EMP revised to include the UN's scientific benchmark of a 45% cut in greenhouse gases (GHG) by 2030?
- 2) Was the EMP revised to fast-track a strong carbon rule this year to regulate GHG and achieve that 2030 benchmark?
- 3) Was the EMP revised to regulate the deadly and potent climate pollutant, black carbon, as Governor Murphy directed NJDEP to do 6 months ago?
- 4) Was the EMP revised to count greenhouse gas emissions accurately, by considering the 20-year time horizon for short-lived climate pollutants such as methane, as directed by a law Governor Murphy signed 2 weeks ago?
- 5) Was the EMP revised to emphasize best value over least cost in terms of consumer savings, public health, property damage, other climate impacts and societal costs?
- 6) Was the EMP revised to not rely on nuclear power plants into the 2050's, decades after their current subsidies (\$300 million/yr.) expire and well past their life expectancies, or at least address those expirations, costs, and how to overcome them?
- 7) Was the EMP revised to define 100% clean energy by 2050 as clean renewables rather than carbon neutral, which permits fracked gas and garbage incineration?

8) Was the EMP revised to include: a) a phase-out with a benchmarked timeline for existing fossil fuel infrastructure; and b) does it impose a moratorium on the dozen or so proposed fossil fuel projects that combined, if put into operation, would increase GHG gas emissions by an estimated 31%?

For background and details on these issues, please refer to Empower NJ's formal comments on the draft EMP available at <http://empowernewjersey.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Empower-EMP-comments-7-15-2019.pdf>.

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Empower NJ is a coalition of over 90 environmental, citizen, faith, and progressive groups calling on Governor Murphy to address the climate emergency by enact a targeted moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects in New Jersey until there are rules in place to achieve our 100% clean energy goals.

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