

# Policy Shifts On the Horizon

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters

## Where We Are At

- Federal rollbacks
  - Revived fossil fuel projects
  - Offshore wind obstacles
- New Jersey governor's race
  - Utility rates
  - Renewable energy
- Legislation on the line
  - 100% Clean Energy
  - 'Skip the Stuff'
  - Data Center Energy Usage
  - Climate Superfund Act
  - NJ PACT REAL Rules

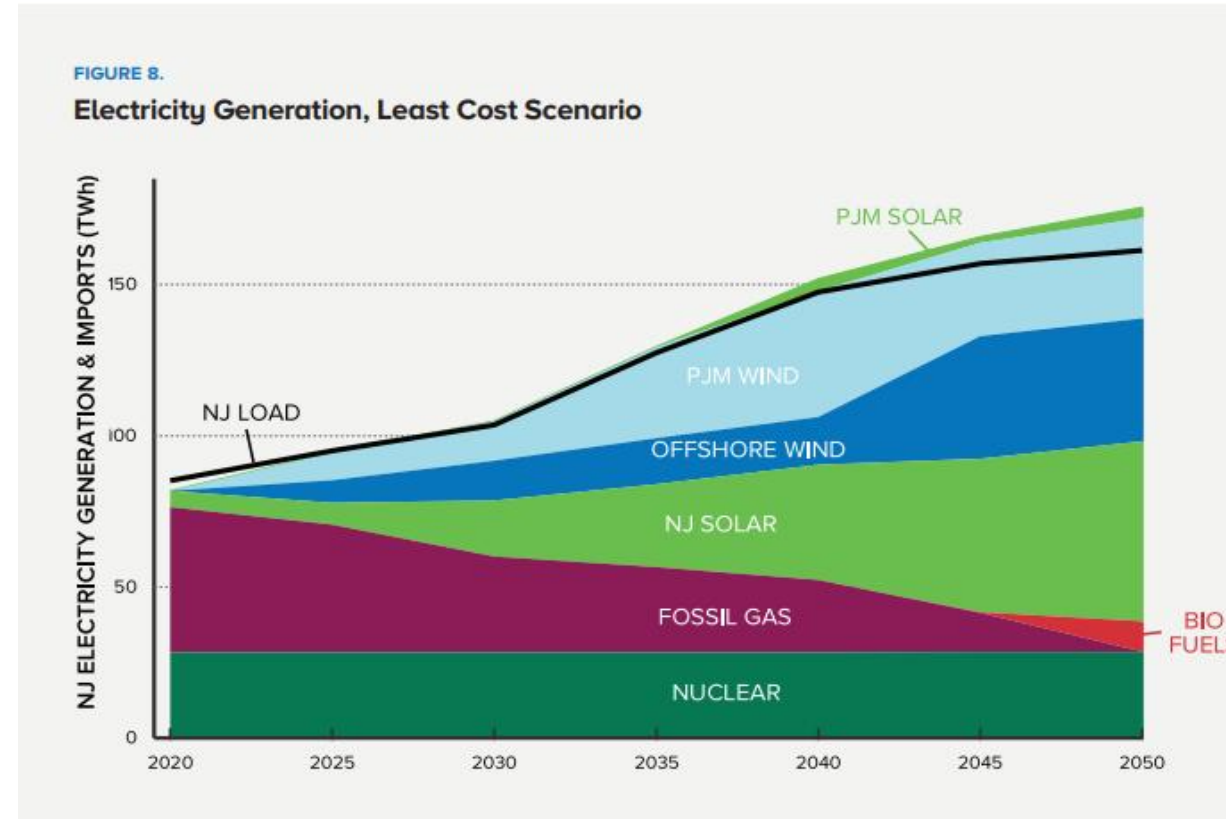
# Support for a Clean Electricity Standard

- 2018 IPCC report indicates global emissions from electricity must be reduced by 70% by 2030
- NJ's Energy Master Plan calls for a Clean Electricity Standard



# New Jersey Policies

- Clean Renewable Energy Act of 2018 called for 50% Clean Renewable Energy (solar and wind) by 2030
- 2018 established support for nuclear energy
- Together with the clean renewable energy bill, we get to 88-94% from clean energy resources by 2030
- Governor Murphy signs EO 315 calling for 100% clean electricity by 2035
- Legislative efforts to codify 100% by 2035



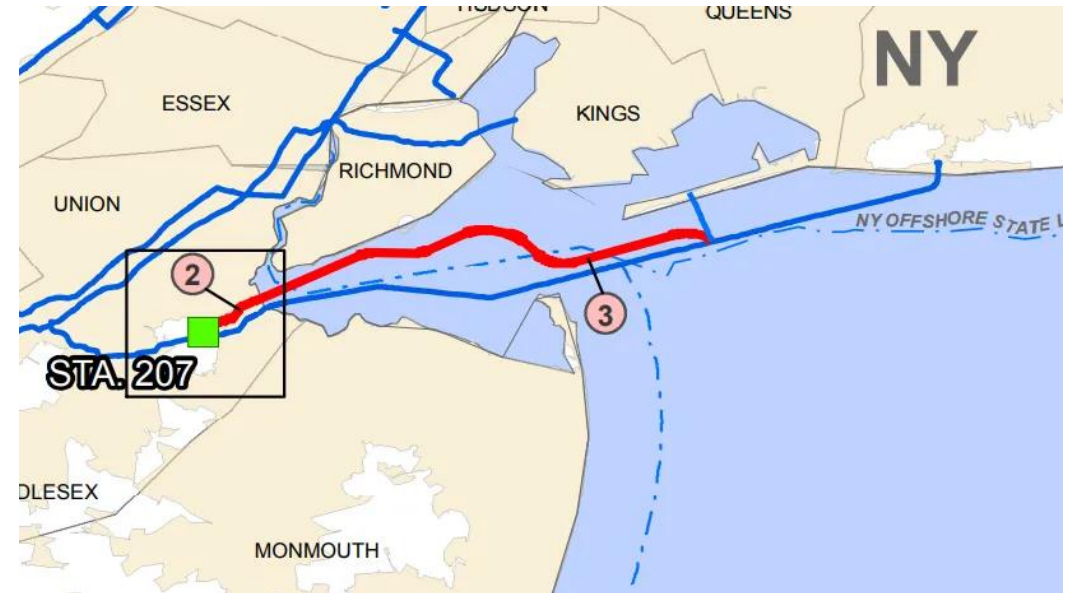
# Clean Energy Sources

- Most recent PJM capacity auction saw a **price increase of \$329/MW-day** — a **22% surge** from the previous record.
- **New Jersey's capacity costs could increase from \$2–3 billion to nearly \$15 billion for the 2025–2026 period**
- Cost surge largely driven by:
  - Aging fossil fuel infrastructure
  - PJM's **failure to correct clean energy projects**
- PJM's **interconnection queue is broken**
  - **77 projects stalled in NJ** — **50% are clean energy projects**
  - Backlog often **exceeds five years**
- **A5463/S4363 ("PJM Transparency Bill") signed into law**
  - Requires electric public utilities to **submit annual reports on PJM voting** to the **BPU**.
- Offshore wind projects stalled or stopped completely in New Jersey
- Solar: \$4100



# Northeast Supply Enhancement Pipeline

- Williams Transco's proposed NESE natural gas pipeline has returned after previously being denied multiple times and proven unnecessary
- NESE would construct a new compressor station in Franklin and build new pipeline through Old Bridge, Sayreville, and Raritan Bay
- Ongoing grassroots and legal efforts to urge FERC, NYDEC, and NJDEP to deny this pipeline again



# Defining Clean Energy

- Trash incineration currently receives class II RECs
- These facilities are exclusively located in EJ communities
- Advocated since last year that trash incineration should not be in the definition of clean
- New Jersey LCV has been working with EJ groups and closely with the bill sponsor to ensure trash incineration is removed from that clean energy definition



# The Data Center Piece

- Data centers are sending power bills soaring across New Jersey by increasing usage without increasing capacity
- Data centers are buying up massive amounts of energy, driving up cost
- S4143 requires data centers to have their own energy usage plan derived from clean energy sources



# Goal: Pass the 100% by '35 bill in lameduck

- Executive Order 315
- The hill is getting steeper
  - *Offshore wind company Orsted pulled out of their project Nov 1<sup>st</sup>*
  - *Labor groups are withholding support*
- Working with environmental champions in the legislature, environmental orgs, EJ groups, and on compromises with labor groups

Bill will move through:

- Senate Environment and Energy (Chair is the prime sponsor of the bill\*)
- Then likely Senate Budget & Appropriations (Sarlo)
- Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities (DeAngelo\*)
- Then likely Assembly Appropriations (Swain\*)

\* = New Jersey LCV endorsees

# How You Can Help

- Passing local ordinances to support 100% clean energy
- Talk to your city council about passing a local ordinance



# Climate Superfund Act

- Imposes liability on certain fossil fuel companies for certain damages caused by climate change
- New York and Vermont have passed Climate Superfund laws
- Aiming for lame duck passage



# NJPACT Rules Update

- NJPACT REAL Rules– a slate of regulations to combat the impacts of climate change in NJ
- New ‘Notice of Substantial Change’ regarding the rules
- Comment period ended September 19th



# Boards and Commissions Fellowship

Throughout this **free, six-month program**, fellows will gain the skills and knowledge to effectively serve as board and commission members and influence environmental policy throughout the state.

## Fellows will...

- **Learn about opportunities to serve** on boards and commissions
- **Grow their network** through connections with peer fellows, mentors, and speakers
- **Learn about the key rules and expectations** to effectively serve on a board, if appointed
- **Enhance their knowledge of environmental issues and policies**
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- **If appointed, represent their community** as a board or commission member

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