



Natural Gas.... The Critical Resource New York Policymakers DON'T Want to Talk About

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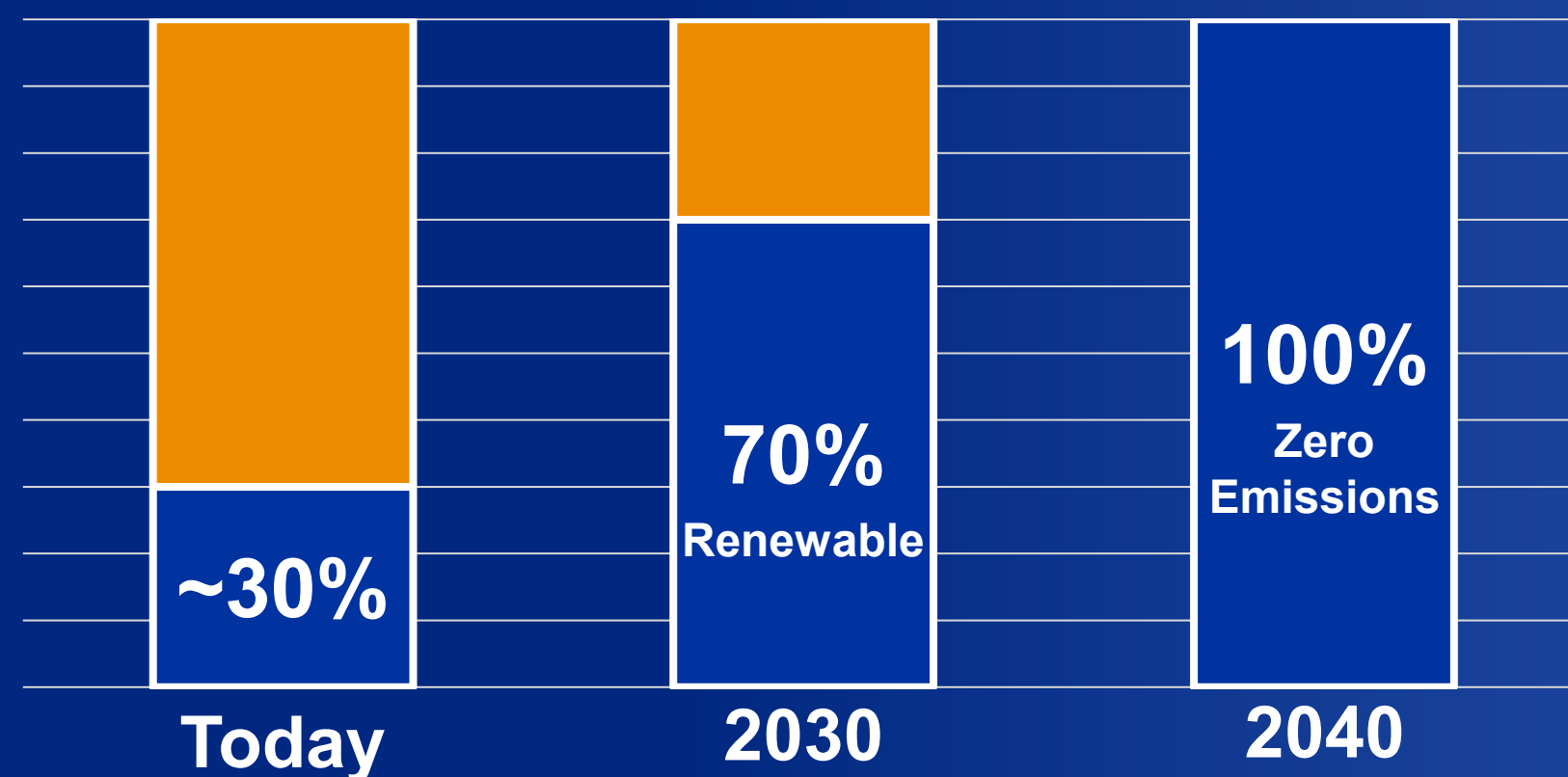
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2019

Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act (CLCPA)

Power Generation Goals



GHG Reduction Goals

From 1990 Levels



40% by 2030



85% by 2050

“The most aggressive climate legislation in the U.S.A.”

- Governor Andrew Cuomo, July 2019



2020

Climate Action Council

- 22-member appointed body that prepared a Scoping Plan
- Appointed to represent natural gas customers
- One of 3 energy sector “NO” votes to Scoping Plan



**FEASIBILITY
RELIABILITY
COST
CHOICE**





2021

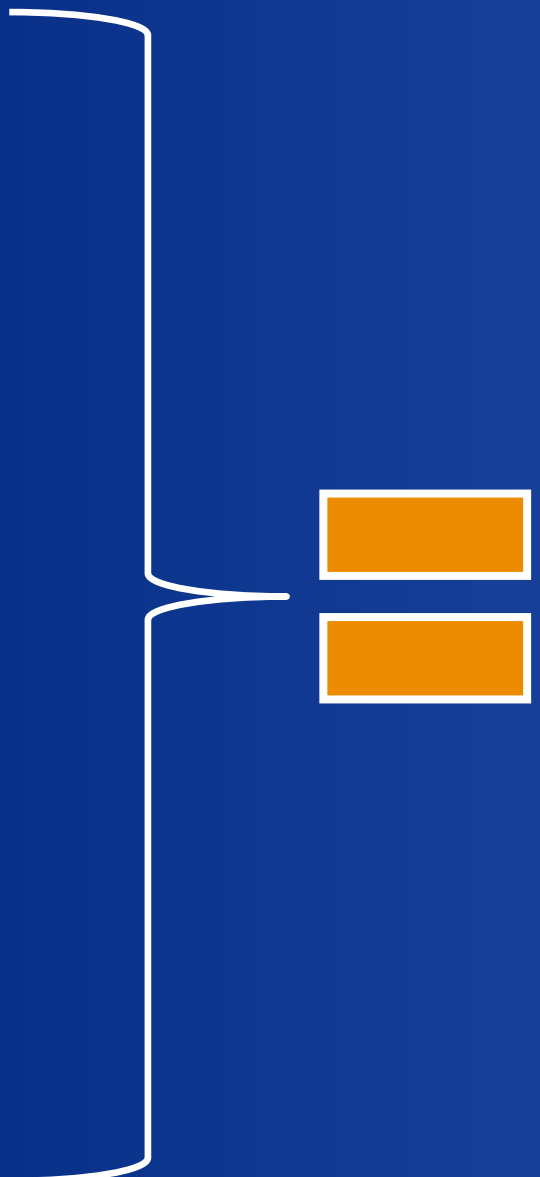
A Better Plan: All-of-the-Above Pathway

This Pathway is a more affordable and practical way to meet the State's goals for homeowners and businesses.

Energy Efficiency
and
Weatherization

Hybrid Heating
w/ natural gas and
electricity

Embrace New
Technologies /
Low/No Carbon Fuels

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- ✓ Lower costs for consumers
 - ✓ More reliable and resilient energy system
 - ✓ More cost-effective emissions reductions



2023

Electrify Everything

New York's Aggressive Push to Mandate Gas Bans



**Existing Buildings
Starting in 2030**

Failed

All Electric Buildings Act
New Construction
Starting Jan. 2026

Passed



2023

Gas Ban Exemptions

HOSPITALS



MANUFACTURING



**MANUFACTURED
HOMES**



LAUNDROMATS



AGRICULTURE



**EMERGENCY
BACK-UP
SYSTEMS**



CAR WASHES



RESTAURANTS



AND...

WHENEVER ELECTRIC SERVICE CANNOT BE “REASONABLY PROVIDED”

2024



Gas Bans Revisited with Proposed Legislation

Affordable Gas Transition Act

Proposed in
Gov. Hochul
Executive Budget

Did NOT pass

NY HEAT Act

Passed by NY Senate

Did NOT pass

Climate Change Superfund Act

Signed by Gov. Hochul
on Dec. 26, 2024

Passed

2025

Electrify at Any Cost

An ongoing, uphill battle



“My job is to ensure we have enough power to keep the lights on, keep rates affordable, and attract major economic development projects.”

10/24/2025 Gov. Kathy Hochul





July 2025

NY Draft State Energy Plan Released



- Natural gas remains vital through 2040
- Balanced strategy replaces electrification mandates
- Renewable challenges acknowledged
- Gas system investment necessary



- Unrealistic timelines vs. grid readiness. Unclear role of natural gas post 2040
- Use of low-carbon fuels uncertain, hydrogen blending ruled out
- Hybrid heating overlooked
- Energy efficiency benefit overstated, electricity demand and price increases understated



Advocacy In Action

Tactical Overview

Proactive Advocacy & Lobbying | Paid by Shareholders

- **Audiences:** residential & industrial customers; elected officials; National Fuel employees & retirees; business advocacy groups, trade associations and unions

Owned Media	Public Affairs	Paid Media	Public Relations
• Campaign Landing Page • Email Blasts • Employee/Retiree Communications	• Robocalls • Online Click-Thru Tool • Coalition Engagement • WNY delegation meetings with NFG leadership in the room	• Radio/Streaming Audio • Print & digital • Social Media • Outdoor • Streaming Video • Joint Campaigns • NYAE/API/Propane Association	• Joint Campaigns • Events • NFG Retiree Luncheon • Buffalo Home Show • TV/Radio Appearances • Op Ed Submissions (use Industry Coalition members too) • LinkedIn Messages



Advocacy In Action

Better Plan No Bans

Campaign Placements

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no bans

Outdoor

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**Tell Albany lawmakers:
NO natural gas bans**

Legislate sensibly. Reduce responsibly.

Contact YOUR State rep at BetterPlanNoBans.com

Print, Digital & Social Media Ads

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no bans

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**Legislate sensibly.
Reduce responsibly.**

Reaching the goals set by the NYS Climate Act is not as simple as flipping a switch. Solutions have to make sense in the context of our world, and they must never sacrifice the well-being of people in the name of progress.

The push to ban natural gas is poised to present serious challenges for the average Western New Yorker in the form of unreliable, unaffordable, and unsafe energy practices. While the plans are still just a blueprint, the laws supporting it are currently being drafted by lawmakers in Albany.

Speak up at LegislateSensibly.com

National Fuel

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Efforts to phase out natural gas are ongoing. Help keep proposals like the Affordable Gas Transition Act out of the budget.

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**Tell Governor Hochul:
Energy choice matters.**

Protect reliability.
Reduce emissions responsibly.

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Make your voice heard.
Speak up for our future.

Learn more

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Website Landing Page

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The time to speak up is now. Governor Hochul's new proposal, the Affordable Gas Transition Act, would provide the Public Service Commission with the authority to discontinue natural gas service across entire neighborhoods, requiring existing residential and commercial customers to convert appliances and equipment in homes and businesses from gas to electric. Removing your right to continued natural gas service is unacceptable. We deserve better. And we deserve a choice.

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It's not too late to make your voice heard. Tell Governor Hochul and Albany policymakers to reject any plan that removes your right to continued natural gas service.

Tell Governor Hochul – Energy choice matters. Pursue emissions reductions responsibly with a focus on reliability.

The push toward electrifying everything demands everyone's attention.

Policies currently being debated in Albany, including the NY HEAT Act as well as the Affordable Gas Transition Act, could impact how Western New Yorkers live – and how employers power their operations.

If Albany requires us to heat our houses with electricity alone, such a transition could mean significant costs for consumers. This would include the cost of converting.

Overwhelming Public Opposition to Gas Bans

According to a Siena poll of Western New Yorkers in January 2023:

- 87%** believe that NYS should use both natural gas and low/no carbon fuels.
- 77%** oppose phasing out natural gas and believe it should remain in NYS's energy plan.
- 77%** think we should heat houses and water with natural gas as we shift to zero carbon emissions.

We believe the best emissions reduction pathway is the one that provides both environmental and economic sustainability, achieving the Climate Act's targets while providing energy delivery systems resiliency, integrity, and reliability, and offering options for more affordable carbon reduction measures.

[Sign the full version of our Tell, Leg, Ban Plan](https://BetterPlanNoBans.com)

Resources

- NYU Delegation Database
- NYU State Citizens
- Representative Overview
- Call & Email Messages
- 2023 Budget Bill Overview
- NY Climate Act
- NY HEAT Act Overview
- NYF opposition

National Fuel

We remain committed to providing reliable and affordable energy.

Climate Change

State of New York