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The needs and objectives of the Commonwealth envisioned by the Third Statewide Three-Year Energy Efficiency Investment Plans of electric distribution companies, natural gas distribution companies, and municipal aggregators for the period 2016 through 2018 must be in keeping with the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act.

In that regard, electrical utilities within the state, and the state itself, must do their utmost at promoting safe, clean renewable energy, conservation and energy efficiency efforts. At present, both the state and the utilities are not doing enough to address the critical issue of climate change.

With regard to energy conservation and efficiency we must educate the public on a war stance footing through all forms of media and within the public school systems. This is not being done in anyway comprehensive or all encompassing at the present time. The Climate Crisis is THE most urgent issue of our times. It concerns us today and generations into the future. In short, everyone must know about the issues and all the potential solutions. Every resident of Massachusetts must be encouraged to save energy in every way possible and to, if at all possible, produce safe, clean and renewable energy onsite.

With regard to the perception of an electrical energy “shortage” in peak winter months presently being offered as the reason for additional gas pipelines to serve electrical generation and as a reason for unheard of 30% rate hikes, we find such claims unsupported. Fixing all the gas leaks in existing pipelines and compressor stations would do much to make up the so-called shortage and improve public safety immeasurably. In addition, taking into consideration all the additional clean, renewable electrical generation options and potential battery storage of generated electricity would negate the perceived need for all newly proposed gas infrastructures. All these considerations are not at present being addressed. It is time they were.

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