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Comment: Gentlement: Your energy policy contains three mistakes. They are prohibiting Liquefied Natural Gas Projects (LNG), closing Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, and the 45/15 efficiency renewable policy. LNG projects are much less polluting than coal so they should be encouraged. Indian Point produces 20 to 40% of NYC's electricity without producing any CO2. It's an asset that if closed would cause much more CO2 to replace it. It should only be replaced when it is either unsafe or not working otherwise it should be maintained as long as possible. Your renewable energy policy is seriously misguided and would drive environmental costs very high. Replacing old steam turbine power plants with combined cycle plants can cut fuel and CO2 emissions far better at one fifth the cost as building wind turbines or solar panels. Your policy unfortunately favors energy renewable projects like wind turbines and solar panels instead. For these reasons, your energy policy is counter productive and would simply cost NYS residents plenty of money without real environmental results. Your agency should concentrate on the methods that work the best instead of being motivated by politics and misguided environmentalists.