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Comment: Gentlemen, I strongly urge you to change the state energy plan provision that will allow a LNG offloading island off the coast of Long Island. There is no need for such a facility. There is no shortage of natural gas for Long Island or New Jersey. Gas is an abundant resource in this country and the gas pipelines in the metropolitan NY area are full. Although all fuel prices are expected to increase over time due to increased demand, gas prices are currently at very low levels. Since we have an abundant domestic supply of gas, prices for this lower carbon fuel can be moderated in the same way that US gasoline prices were kept low for a long period by adding domestic supply to the market. To create a platform for imported gas is ludicrous. This foreign source of gas first has to be liquified, then transported in ships and finally offloaded. The process adds cost to the fuel in liquification and transportation. This also goes against President Obama's policy for utilizing domestic gas sources. What are you people thinking! In addition to a lack of need for the area the LNG island will be located in the Atlantic off Nassau County. Long Island prides itself for it ocean resources for fishing, boating, swimming and an influx of tourists. Is it really worth it to jeopardize a magnificent natural asset for the profit of entities not from this area, or for any reason other than emergency need? I say no!!! I expect this issue to be removed from the energy plan in it's next draft. If it is not I will use any political resources available to me to demand it be removed or the members of the energy be removed for thwarting the will of the people with insufficient reason to do so.
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