



Draft Scoping Plan Comments

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Comment (2000 characters maximum)	<p>The American Public Gas Association (APGA) is pleased to provide comments on the state of New York’s Draft Scoping Plan. APGA is the trade association representing more than 730 communities across the U.S. that own and operate their retail natural gas distribution entities. Public gas systems, including in New York Woodhull Municipal Gas Company and the Village of Hamilton, are not-for-profit and locally accountable to the citizens they serve. They provide safe, reliable, affordable, and clean energy to their customers and support their communities by delivering fuel to be used for cooking, clothes drying, and space and water heating, as well as for various commercial and industrial applications.</p> <p>Woodhull Municipal Gas Company and the Village of Hamilton, along with every APGA member, are good stewards of the environment, evidenced by the way they maintain and operate their utilities, and they recognize that natural gas can provide energy affordably and reliably to New York’s residents and all Americans, in addition to proven environmental benefits.</p> <p>APGA is especially concerned with potential impacts from the Draft Scoping Plan. Natural gas and the infrastructure APGA members operate should be a part of New York’s clean energy future for the following reasons: Ensure Energy Resiliency, Deliver Affordability, and Play an Important Role in a Low Carbon Future.</p> <p>APGA would like to reiterate that Woodhull Municipal Gas Company, the Village of Hamilton, and all our members are committed to providing reliable and affordable energy, while protecting the environment with minimal disruption to consumer choice. As the state pursues its emission reduction policies, APGA requests consideration of the unique operating circumstances of New York’s public gas utilities and encourages the continued utilization of their valuable infrastructure and experienced workforce in achieving the state’s clean energy goals.</p>