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**To:** 'Robert Trento'  
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Democratic Energy Prices Hit Home WSJ-

Good Morning

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250000, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,  
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**To: FL Decision leader-State Gov**

**Subject: Energy Policy will determine FL's Future-Do not Follow BLUE STATES!!!!!!!!!!**

WSJ article today outline mistakes made by Blue States re: energy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! FL headed down same path, possibly worse!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Turning farm land into CCP Solar Farms not an answer to supply future energy needs for growing prospering State.

Please advise what action you will take to prevent "The Free State of FL turning into NJ, NY, TX, CA?"

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**FYI:** 🗳️ Voters got the message? Gov HELP, NET ZERO, CLEAN energy does nothing for the environment, drives home energy prices HIGHER 🚫!!!!!! 😞 FL has not yet learned Lessons of Blue States, Continues to install CCP Solar/Batter driving up cost, reduce availability!!!! 😞

- Gov help, subsidies/incentives, closing Coal Nuclear plant Res energy +32% 5 years ☐☐
- NJ +53%, CA +63%, wind/solar great idea 😊 higher prices, deliberately less SUPPLY!!!!!!!!!!!!
- American NatGas everywhere, burned cf at well heads, While Utilities install CCP Solar 😊
- NJ Poster Child for destroying supply, limiting new energy, Utilities, CCP LOVE ❤️!!!

**PS:** Hope Blue state residents/businesses got the message?????? Drill baby Drill, build pipe Lines Build!! Energy need not be expensive in America, unless Gov decides it must be, THEY HAVE!!!!!!!!!!

## REVIEW & OUTLOOK

# Democratic Energy Prices Hit Home WSJ

*Electricity prices have jumped 6% nationwide over the last year, about twice as much as overall inflation.* They're now be--coming a political flashpoint, as the tightening race for New Jersey Governor illustrates.

Democrats downplayed surging electricity prices during the Biden Presidency. Residential electric rates increased 32% over the last five years nationwide, and even more in states like New Jersey (53%) and California (63%). Now Democrats are blaming the GOP's new tax bill, which rolls back future subsidies for solar and wind. This doesn't wash. 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

Projects can still qualify for tax credits as long as they begin operating before the end of 2027 or start construction by next July 4. That means a wind project in the pipeline can continue to claim tax credits for 10 more years once it begins operating. The real problem is hostility to fossil fuels.

New Jersey's rates spiked 22% this summer as tight power supplies pushed up wholesale prices. Federal emissions regulations, the state's renewable energy mandate and rich green-energy subsidies have made baseload nuclear and coal plants

**uneconomic. Five large coal plants and one nuclear reactor in the state have shut down since 2017.**

PJM Interconnection runs the regional grid and uses capacity auctions to ensure plants can provide power on demand. **Payments by utilities in those auctions, which ultimately are paid by electricity consumers, jumped to \$16.1 billion this year from \$2.2 billion in 2023.** New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy last month ordered an investigation into PJM, which he alleges is manipulating markets. As always, Democrats blame business, rather than change their bad policies.

First, the **Democratic Governor withheld permits to block a 115-mile pipeline that aimed to move cheap natural gas fracked in Pennsylvania to his state.** As a result, **New Jersey's natural gas plants this year have paid 35% more for fuel than the nationwide average. The constrained gas supply has limited the construction of new power plants.**

Because most New Jerseyites rely on gas to heat their homes, frigid weather can cause fuel shortages and drive up prices for power plants. Fuel prices paid by New Jersey's gas plants spiked 10-fold this past January.

**Mr. Murphy further deterred investment in new gas plants with an executive order requiring that 100% of state power come from "clean energy" by 2035.** To achieve his goal, he championed costly offshore wind projects. But developers have cancelled or frozen several of those projects in the past two years because of skyrocketing costs.

The Governor also joined a regional cap-and-trade program requiring fossil-fuel plants to pay for their CO2 emissions. The result of all this: Higher electricity prices, which are hurting Democratic Rep. Mikie Sherrill, who's running to succeed Mr. Murphy. An Emerson College poll last week shows her tied with Republican Jack Ciattarelli.

In one TV ad, Ms. Sherrill, a Navy veteran, pilots a helicopter and says: "I'm declaring a state of emergency on utility costs using emergency powers to end these rate hikes and drive down your bills." How so? She says she'll sue PJM and President Trump "to accelerate the development of cheaper and cleaner energy sources."

But lawsuits won't change market realities or create a more reliable electricity supply. **Ms. Sherrill promises to streamline permitting for solar and battery projects, but these won't provide enough power in a state like New Jersey without abundant sunshine year-round. Her plan doesn't include easing government obstacles to gas power plants or pipelines.**

By contrast, **Mr. Ciattarelli is promising an "all of the above" energy approach and to withdraw from the cap-and-trade program. Fueling his rise in the polls is voter frustration with the results of Mr. Murphy's policies and eight years of Democratic control in Trenton. Mr. Murphy's job approval rating is 35%, which is lower than Mr. Trump's in the state.**

Some Democrats like Ms. Sherrill are feinting toward what they call an “abundance” agenda that calls for reducing the cost of living by increasing the supply of energy, housing and more. Abundance is a nice word. ***But the actual Democratic policy in New Jersey, and nationwide, is deliberate energy scarcity—and the higher prices that go with it.***