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Dear Ms. Grey:

I appreciate being able to submit comments on the referenced plan.

The administration's pursuit of its Clean Energy Plan is based on completely faulty premises of which the primary two are:

#1) that atmospheric levels of CO2 emitted by humans pose a serious and imminent threat to the global climate, and

#2) that the benefits that are purported to accrue by reducing our CO2 emissions substantially out-weigh the costs to do so.

Both are utterly incorrect. It is common to argue that **Anthropogenic Global Warming (AGW)** is supported by "consensus" of climate scientists and that it poses a looming danger. However, these are myths that just refuse to die. The several surveys upon which this bogus "consensus" is based have been thoroughly and repeatedly debunked. The reality is many in the field, as do I, exercise a scientifically healthy doubt about the cause and future course of climate effects due to man and that the results will be a catastrophe. These scientists do not presume to have a perfect understanding of to the enormous complexities of the atmosphere. They also wisely understand the state of our relatively simplistic computer models is not advanced enough to have reliable predictive capacity especially at decades time-scales.

The premise of AGW has been falsified. To wit, all climate models have substantially over-estimated the extent of warming, a modest fraction of a degree whatever the cause, and failed to predict the lack of any warming for nearly two decades. Yet they are still cited as valid and form the basis for energy policy, even when actual observation proves them wrong time and again.

The surface has not warmed whatsoever for at least the past 18 years despite a 9% increase in CO2 levels, and the "experts" are scrambling for explanations. A "hot spot" in the mid-troposphere above the equator has also been predicted as a consequence of **AGW**. It never been observed. The answer is that climate models do not correctly model the atmosphere because their physics is **WRONG**. CO2 is not a control knob for the climate, weather, or any other atmospheric phenomenon. Every other supposed consequence of rising CO2 levels has not materialized at all. There is no increase in severe weather, drought, flood, hurricanes, disappearing ice caps, or any other dire effect supposed by atmospheric CO2. None. In fact, many measures are moving in the exact opposite direction from what was predicted, but somehow these observations are also a consequence of "global warming," A theory which explains everything is not a theory because it explains nothing. Climate policy is not rooted in

science, it is anti-science and it is a purely political agenda. All contrary claims are either stunning ignorance or stunning deception.

The planned reductions of human emissions of CO₂ by closures of conventional power plants and other sources, and replacement with power sources not based on hydrocarbons, has only one predictable outcome. It is a proven mechanism for economic harm. It is the primary reason why the economies of the European Union are so crippled. Those countries have forced the installation of so-called "green energy" in defiance of natural market forces. These alternate source are not "green" and are not reliable.

As a result they are now reverting to conventional power to reduce the three-fold increase in energy costs and the attendant power shortages caused by their policies. Similarly, Australian voters ousted their Prime Minister whose "Green Energy" policies were crushing its economy as well, and they have repealed all such measures in order to restore their economy.

Industry is fleeing Europe to the U.S. That is because the U.S. still has advantageous power costs. The revolution in the oil and gas sectors, which still supplies over 90% of our power, and which will for the foreseeable future, gives us that advantage. However, the Clean Energy Plan will kill that advantage.

Our economy could finally realize not just a fully recovery but robust growth if our full energy reserves could be tapped and allowed to flow freely in a natural market to supply existing and new demands. Instead it is being throttled by illegal regulation foisted by faulty policy.

The EPA has no authority to regulate CO₂, but has managed via the duplicity of the administration which bypassed the required Congressional approval. The "Endangerment Finding" that CO₂, a beneficial trace gas, threatens the planet is utter nonsense. It was adopted shrouded in secrecy and did not go through proper, open review. And our Supreme Court obliged by turning a blind eye. It is a perversion of the Clean Air Act done illegally and is being used to wage the "war on coal".

No matter the error of this policy and the tactics used, growing countries like China and India have no intention of curbing their emissions and will continue to increase CO₂ no matter what the rest of the world does. And this still will make no difference whatsoever in the course nature moves the climate. There can be no benefit to the U.S., only a net negative cost, and it is huge. At a smaller scale, at the state level, these costs can be magnified even more.

It needs to be shown how the CO₂ reductions are going to have any impact whatsoever, other than to "sky-rocket" energy prices, as the President himself admitted would be an outcome of his energy policies.

In formulating Delaware policy is incumbent upon **DNREC** to prove how its implementation of the Clean Energy Plan will NOT have a large cost. Delaware should be pursuing a rational energy policy that is not based on junk science and voodoo economics and should be working to undo these policies, not bow to them.

I have little faith this would ever happen in the current political arena, so I fully expect to keep paying more and more to Delmarva in order to subsidize the likes of Bloom Energy and whatever other ill-conceived ventures are concocted to waste taxpayers money, increase our electricity bills, and stifle our economy.

I also challenge you to refute anything I have stated within.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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